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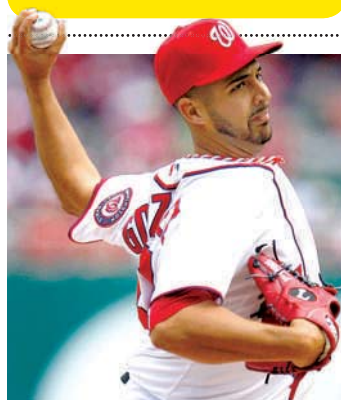
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Nashville police say a visitor in town just nine hours racked up 12 criminal charges. William Todd, 24, had a bus layover March 25. He broke into a tourist attraction, stole several weapons, held up four nightclub patrons, carjacked a cab, posed as a hotel worker to rob guests and broke into an office where he smeared feces on framed law degrees. He was arrested after taking a cab, pulling a knife and refusing to pay the fare. (AP)

ETIQUETTE

What's an Appropriate Tip For Excellent Victim Service?

An unarmed Dallas firefighter has been accused of robbing a bank and leaving a tip. Federal prosecutors on Wednesday announced the arrest of 37-year-old Jesus Ventura after he allegedly demanded money Tuesday and apologized as the Chase Bank teller put cash into his backpack. He gave a \$20 bill to the teller, saying, "Here is a tip for you." Ventura has been put on paid leave. (AP)

PREDICTABLE

U.S. Military Denies Testing Nuclear Stealth Whales

Authorities in Connecticut say they weren't able to find a large object that reportedly fell from the sky. A witness reported seeing a green, glowing object the size of a whale crash into a lake, and a state trooper 10 miles away gave a similar report. Firefighters searched for a possible plane crash, but didn't find any debris. (AP)

The Big Picture



LET THEM BEE: Charlotte Chan, left, and Debbie O'Dowd, employees of the Friends of the Earth environmental campaign group, dressed up as bees in London Wednesday. The charity claims that Britain has lost much of its honey bee population due to habitat depletion and extensive farming. (AP)

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In Brief

ALLENTOWN, PA.

Judge Refuses to Throw Out Sandusky Charges



Sandusky

A judge on Thursday refused to throw out child sex-abuse charges against Jerry Sandusky but will allow defense lawyers to ask again to have the case dismissed as more evidence is turned over. (AP)

PHILADELPHIA

Conditions at Egg Farm 'Deplorable,' Probe Finds

An undercover investigation at the Kreider Farms' egg farm facility in Manheim, Pa. found hens suffering in severely overcrowded cages, mummified bird carcasses, thick layers of dead flies and other "deplorable" conditions, officials with the Humane Society of the United States said Thursday. (AP)

WASHINGTON

U.S. Proposes Override System for Car Breaks

New cars and light trucks would have to have override systems to prevent unintended acceleration when the gas pedal and brake are applied at the same time or accelerator control systems disconnect, under new federal regulations proposed Thursday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. (AP)

Zimmerman Appears in Court

Judge says he found probable cause for case to move ahead

Sanford, Fla.

Neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman made his first court appearance Thursday on a second-degree murder charge in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, as a court document provided new details on the prosecution's case.

During the brief appearance, Zimmerman stood up straight, looked straight ahead and wore a gray prison jumpsuit. He spoke only to answer "Yes, sir," twice after he was asked basic questions about the charge against him and his attorney. Zimmerman turned himself in Wednesday after weeks in hiding.

Judge Mark E. Herr said he found probable cause to move ahead with the case and that an arraignment would be held on May 29 before another judge.

A document prepared by prosecutors shed some light on why they



George Zimmerman, right, appears in court Wednesday with attorney Mark O'Mara in Sanford, Fla. Zimmerman was charged yesterday with second-degree murder.

chose to charge Zimmerman. The affidavit says Martin's mother identified screams heard in the background of a 911 call as her son's. There had been some question as to whether Martin or Zimmerman was the one calling for help.

Prosecutors also interviewed a friend of Martin's who was talking to him just before the shooting. The affidavit says Martin told

the witness he was being followed and was scared.

Martin tried to run home, the affidavit says, but was followed by Zimmerman. It also says that "Zimmerman disregarded the police dispatcher" who told him to stop, and "continued to follow Martin who was trying to return to his home."

Speaking to reporters after the hearing, attorney Mark O'Mara said

Meanwhile ...



Trayvon Martin's mother raised eyebrows with her own comments on "Today" about the accidental nature of

the case, but she clarified what she meant in another interview later in the day. Sybrina Fulton said she was referring to the chance encounter between Zimmerman and her son. "Their meeting was the accident," Fulton said. "That was the accident. Not the actual act of him shooting him. That was murder ... They were never supposed to meet." (AP)

he was concerned that the case up to now has been handled in the public eye, with details coming out in piecemeal fashion.

"It's really supposed to happen in the courtroom," O'Mara said.

Zimmerman was charged after a public campaign to make an arrest in the Feb. 26 shooting, which has galvanized the nation for weeks. GREG BLUESTEIN AND TAMARA LUSH (AP)



I'd Love to Decline: Newt Gingrich said Thursday he probably wouldn't accept a job in Mitt Romney's Cabinet, if Romney is elected in November as president and such an offer is extended. The former House speaker said he would prefer to be an adviser to a potential Romney administration — as he was during the presidency of Republican George W. Bush — so that he could enjoy his life and his family. (AP)

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Study: Baboons Can Learn to Recognize Words

Washington

Dan the baboon sits in front of a computer screen. The letters BRRU pop up. With a quick tap, he signals it's not a word. Correct. Next comes, ITCS. Again, not a word. Finally KITE comes up.

He pauses and hits a green oval to indicate it's a word, demonstrating a mastery of what some experts say is a form of pre-reading.

Dan is part of new research that shows baboons are able to pick up the first step in reading — identify-

Good Pattern Finders

Baboons and other monkeys are good pattern finders, and what they are doing may be what we first do in recognizing words. It's still a far cry from real reading. They don't understand what these words mean, and are just breaking them down into parts, said Jonathan Grainger, a cognitive psychologist at the Aix-Marseille University in France and the lead author in a study published in Thursday's journal *Science*. (AP)

ing recurring patterns and determining which four-letter combinations are words and which are just gobbledygook.

The study, published in Thursday's journal *Science*, shows that reading's early steps are far more instinctive than scientists first thought and it also indicates that non-human primates may be smarter than we give them credit for.

"They've got the hang of this thing," said Jonathan Grainger, a French scientist and lead author of the research. SETH BORENSTEIN (AP)



Ann Romney defended her stay-at-home mom status Thursday on Twitter.

Ann Romney Disputes Claim She Never Worked

Washington

Ann Romney fought back Thursday against a Democrat who suggested she's no economic expert because she "hasn't worked a day in her life." Raising five sons, she said, was such a full-time job that her husband, GOP presidential hopeful Mitt Romney, considered it more important than his work as the family breadwinner.

"He would say, 'My job is temporary ... Your job is a forever job that's going to bring forever happiness,'" Ann Romney told Fox News, wading into a multimedia furor over comments by Democratic consultant Hilary Rosen.

Rosen apologized to Ann Romney later Thursday for her "poorly chosen" words. "As a mom I know that raising children is the hardest job there is," Rosen said in a statement. "My words ... were poorly chosen. I apologize to Ann Romney and anyone else who was offended."

Michelle Obama jumped into the fray by tweeting, "Every mother works hard, and every woman deserves to be respected."

The furor erupted Wednesday

night when Rosen said Ann Romney never had to work to pay the bills and should not be her husband's surrogate on women and the economy: "She's never really dealt with the kinds of economic issues that a majority of women in this country are facing."

"Let's declare peace in this phony war and go back to focus on the substance."

— HILARY ROSEN, AFTER APOLOGIZING FOR COMMENTS SHE MADE ABOUT ANN ROMNEY'S ECONOMIC BACKGROUND.

Late Thursday, President Obama said there is no tougher job than being a mom, citing his wife, Michelle, and his own mother as examples. In an interview with a Cedar Rapids, Iowa, television station, Obama said families of candidates should not be fair game for attacks in political campaigns and that he doesn't have "a lot of patience" for comments about spouses of political candidates. LAURIE KELLMAN (AP)



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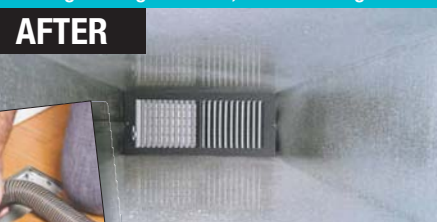
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World

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KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Karzai: Presidential Vote May Occur in '13, Not '14



Karzai

Afghan President Hamid Karzai raised the prospect Thursday of holding presidential elections a year early to avoid a potentially deadly concurrence of a transition of power and a major drawdown of international forces in 2014. Karzai — who has led Afghanistan for more than a decade — is constitutionally barred from running for a third term in March 2014. (AP)

CAIRO

Bill Would Bar Ex-Regime Figures From Politics

Egypt's parliament passed a bill Thursday that would strip top figures of Hosni Mubarak's former regime of political rights for 10 years. The bill is designed to keep Mubarak's ex-vice president, Omar Suleiman, out of next month's presidential vote, but the military leaders must ratify it for it to take effect. (AP)

Hearsay

"I could see the tsunami coming in my mind, the entire village again being destroyed. That it didn't happen really feels like a blessing."

— RAHMI NOVIANTI, 25, A HOUSEWIFE IN BANDA ACEH, INDONESIA, EXPRESSING RELIEF ON THURSDAY, THE DAY AFTER TWO STRONG QUAKES TRIGGERED FEARS OF A TSUNAMI LIKE THE ONE IN 2004.

Shaky Truce Settles Over Syria

Rebels urge protests to test Assad's pledge to abide by cease-fire

Beirut

Syria's opposition called for widespread protests Friday to test the regime's commitment to an internationally brokered cease-fire that the U.N. chief called so fragile it could collapse with one gunshot.

Regime forces halted heavy shelling and other major attacks in line with the truce that began at dawn Thursday, though there were accusations of scattered violence by both sides. The government ignored demands to pull troops back to barracks, however, defying a key

"This cease-fire process is very fragile. It may be broken any time."

— U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-MOON, DISCUSSING THE TRUCE THAT TOOK EFFECT IN SYRIA ON THURSDAY. HOWEVER, HE CAUTIONED THAT "ANOTHER GUNSHOT" COULD DOOM THE INTERNATIONALLY BROKERED CEASE-FIRE.



aspect of the plan, which aims to calm a year-old uprising that has killed 9,000 people.

"The onus is on the government of Syria to prove that their words will be matched by their deeds at this time," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in Geneva, adding that the world was watching with skeptical eyes.

The presence of tanks and

troops could discourage any large gatherings, but the leader of the opposition Syrian National Council, Burhan Ghalioun, urged Syrians to demonstrate peacefully on Friday.

A massive protest would be an important test of the cease-fire — whether President Bashar Assad will allow his forces to hold their fire and risk ushering in a weeks-

long sit-in or losing control over territory that government forces recently recovered from rebels.

So far, the crackdown has prevented powerful displays of dissent like that of Egypt's Tahrir Square, where hundreds of thousands of people camped out and drove Hosni Mubarak from power.

If the truce holds, it would be the first time the regime has observed such a cease-fire since Assad's regime launched a crackdown 13 months ago on dissent.

Though Syria promised to comply with the cease-fire, the regime carved out an important condition — that it has a right to defend itself against the terrorists that it claims are behind the rebellion. ELIZABETH A. KENNEDY AND ZEINA KARAM (AP)

Suu Kyi's Party Opposes Myanmar's Oath of Office

Yangon, Myanmar

Aung San Suu Kyi's party raised the prospect of a major hitch in Myanmar's political reforms Thursday, saying it may not take the seats it won in parliament because the lawmakers' oath of office has unacceptable wording.

"We as citizens will abide by the constitution, but the oath says we have to protect the constitution," National League for Democracy spokesman Nyan Win said. "This is contradictory to our party policy."

The party's platform ahead of the April 1 by-elections called for amending some sections of the constitution that the party considers undemocratic.

The party won 43 of the 44 seats it contested, include one won by Suu Kyi herself. The NLD would

Backstory



Aung San Suu Kyi was elected to Myanmar's parliament on April 1, capping a remarkable turnaround from

democracy advocate to elected official in less than 17 months. The Nobel Peace laureate and staunch democracy advocate became one of the world's most prominent prisoners of conscience there. She was released in late 2010. (AP)

be the biggest opposition party in the military-dominated legislature that convenes on April 23, and Suu Kyi, a Nobel Peace laureate and former political prisoner, would have a voice in government for the first time. (AP)

Sarkozy Rallies Support on the Trail



LUDOVIC MARIN/POOL/AP

FANS GREET NICOLAS SARKOZY in Saint-Brice-sous-Forêt, France, on Thursday as the French president arrived for a campaign meeting. Voters begin the presidential balloting in just under two weeks. Ten candidates from across the political spectrum, Sarkozy included, will face off April 22 in a first-round vote that will winnow the race down to two.

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Cover Story

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Titanic aficionados donned period costumes in Cobh, Ireland, ahead of Monday's departure of the Titanic Memorial Cruise aboard the MS Balmoral.



Flirting With Disaster?

The Titanic Memorial Cruise aboard the MS Balmoral is tracing the route of the doomed liner. The ship, which is carrying 1,309 passengers—including relatives of some of the Titanic passengers—seeks to re-create the Titanic experience, minus the disaster. Many aboard have donned period costumes and are eating meals from the Titanic's menu. The cruise hasn't been entirely smooth sailing: Strong winds delayed its departure on Monday, and a medical emergency on board interrupted its journey Tuesday.

Two memorial services are to take place over the weekend: one close to midnight April 14, when the Titanic hit the iceberg, and the other on April 15, when the ship sank. (AP)

Psychology

Chivalry Is ...

When it comes to sinking ships, male chivalry is "a myth," two Swedish researchers said Thursday. "Behavior in life-and-death situations is best captured by the expression 'every man for himself,'" Mikael Elinder and Oscar Erixon wrote. The two studied 18 of the most famous maritime disasters, including the Titanic, and found that men, thanks to their physical strength, have a distinct survival advantage. Out of the 15,000 people who died in the 18 accidents, only 17.8 percent of the women survived compared with 34.5 percent of the men. (AP)

To this day, the Titanic is big business in movies, books, songs, poetry and museum exhibits.

The discovery of the Titanic's watery grave in 1985 brought the ship back to the world's attention. A dozen years later, another man raised the Titanic to an even greater fame with a multi-Academy Award winning movie and follow-up documentaries.

"It's this great sort of metaphorical novel that actually happened," said "Titanic" director James Cameron. "You can go and visit the wreck and go and see this monument to human folly."

People look at the Titanic sinking and other man-made disasters as technological hubris, the misbegotten belief that something could be too good, too fail-safe to fail, said Harvard University professor Steven Biel.

The public has become increasingly fascinated with disasters, especially technological ones. That's because it helps us cope with increased mechanization, risk and deep-rooted questions about what it means to be human, said Kevin Rozario, author of the book "Culture of Calamity."

Disasters reflect the everyday fears we often ignore, Rozario said. When a catastrophe happens, "we see ourselves" in the story lines that play out. SETH BORENSTEIN (AP)

A Titanic Fixation

An ill-fated cruise in 1912 launched a lasting obsession with disasters

Culture

Epic disasters — the anguished cries, the stories of heroism — are the central narratives of our age, both enthralling and horrifying. And our obsession began a century ago, unfolding in just 160 terrifying minutes, on a supposedly unsinkable ship, as more than 1,500 souls slipped into the icy waters of the North Atlantic. And the band played on.

It was the Titanic. Ever since, we've been hooked on disasters in general but the tale of the luxury liner in particular. The sinking's 100th anniversary has only magnified the Titanic's fascination.

Still Under Debate

The Titanic steamed toward New York on April 11, 1912, carrying more than 2,200 people and only 20 of the 32 lifeboats designed to be on board. On April 14, the Titanic hit an iceberg at 11:40 p.m. At 2:20 a.m., it sank, and a century later, we're still debating what really caused the disaster on that crystal-clear night. Maybe we can fault freak atmospheric conditions that caused a mirage or an even rarer astronomical event that led stronger tides to pull icebergs into shipping lanes, which are two of the newer theories being proposed by a Titanic author and a team of astronomers. Still, "at its most basic, what happened is they failed to heed warnings and they hit the iceberg because they were going too fast," said James Delgado of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (AP)



There were catastrophes before that fateful Sunday night in April 1912, but nothing quite captivated the newly wireless-connected globe's attention. It was more than news. It was a macabre form

of entertainment.

Deadlier disasters followed, but they all borrowed from story lines the Titanic established: High-profile investigations, constant news coverage, technological hubris,



A passenger aboard the Titanic Memorial Cruise even sports a Titanic tattoo.

ignored warnings and economic fairness — all were themes that played out in the BP oil spill, the space shuttle disasters, Hurricane Katrina and the recent grounding of the Costa Concordia.

"The story is ageless, like all great stories," said James Delgado of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "The elements in this case of triumph, tragedy and hubris, of bravery and cowardice, all wrapped up in one brief moment. That speaks to people."

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Snap Judgment

If I seem more drowsy than usual, it's because I haven't been able to sleep on the MARC train for weeks. The culprit? Photographer Eddie Winter's collection of images of commuters passed out along the ride between Baltimore and Washington. When they were posted recently to the website Good.is/design, I clicked through the 15 shots of folks with mouths agape, tucked under jackets and curled up against windows.

Even though I wasn't one of the models, I can recognize myself in those photos. Winter does, too, which is why he put together the series, called "Exciting New Positions!" "I'm a little afraid that when people see them, they think I'm making fun of people in their most vulnerable moments," he says. Really, it's his way of showing that everyone gets exhausted by the daily grind. And no matter how different we can seem as individuals, when we're asleep, we're all in the same

boat (or, er, train). "We're drooling on ourselves, helpless, at the mercy of the world," he says.

It says something about the level of comfort train commuters feel with one another that they'll so willingly put themselves in this state. So did Winter violate the trust of his fellow riders? It certainly makes me less likely to give into my drooping eyelids, but I can't help but be drawn to the images.

It was an exciting new position that turned Winter into a train rider.

He went from being a bartender to working at the State Department, which required waking up at an hour when he used to go to bed. Normally, he immediately conked out when he got on the train. But one morning, with the sun streaming through the windows directly into his eyes, Winter realized he wasn't going to drift off. When he saw a young woman in a deep sleep, he decided to shoot.



By Vicky Hallett

Without a zoom lens, he needed to get up close and personal with her, as well as his 80 subsequent subjects. "I had to be within two feet for most of the photos," Winter says. But no one noticed when he clicked away.

"I'm a little afraid that when people see them, they think I'm making fun of people in their most vulnerable moments."

And no one saw the photos for a very long time. Although Winter snapped these pics more than four years ago — that's when he left his State Department gig and the long commute behind to focus on his art — this is the first time he's officially shown the works. (Although he did put together books of the photos to hand out to his favorite conductors as farewell gifts.)

For Winter, this is a personal project rather than a commercial one. So he thinks there's a critical photo missing from the collection. "I wish someone had taken a picture of me. I would have liked to include it," he says. If it's not too late, I'm happy to volunteer. I can't sleep now anyway.

\$49 The price of the "Fast Pass," a seven-day unlimited rail pass customers can load onto their SmarTrip cards starting next week at Metrorail vending machines or at Smartrip.com. The pass had only been available as a paper farecard. (EXPRESS)

In Brief

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

O'Malley Accepts Portion Of Blame for Md. Budget

O'Malley

Gov. Martin O'Malley says he accepts part of the blame for the breakdown that led to \$512 million in cuts instead of new tax revenues and alternative savings in state spending. O'Malley, who spoke on WTOP Thursday, said "we all hold blame," referring to himself and Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller and House Speaker Michael Busch. (AP)

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Two Plead Guilty to Roles In Va. Prostitution Ring

Two men linked to an offshoot of the Crips gang have pleaded guilty to their roles in a prostitution ring that recruited high school girls. Michael Jefferies, 21, of Woodbridge and Christopher Sylvia, 23, of Springfield pleaded guilty Thursday in federal court in Alexandria to sex trafficking involving juveniles. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, April 12

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Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.) 7-5-2
Mid-day DC 4 1-5-1-5
Evening DC 4 (Wed.) 9-9-8-7
Mid-day D.C. Five 5-2-4-1-7
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.) 4-9-0-8-8
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Mid-day Pick 4 3-6-5-5
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Match 5 (Wed.) 9-12-18-24-28 (25)
Multi-Match (Wed.) 2-6-8-16-36-39

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Mid-day Pick 4 1-9-9-1
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Metro Fare Hike Moves Forward

Finance committee OKs increase for bus, rail, parking charges

Washington

Metro's finance committee approved Thursday increases in fees paid by bus and rail riders and drivers who use the transit authority's parking facilities.

It was the board's first official step following recent public hearings on fare hikes that average about 5 percent. The actual amounts would vary widely depending on the distance a rider travels. The changes would go into effect July 1.

The full Metro board is expected to vote at its April 26 meeting on whether to raise fares. Metro's fare technology and signs at stations need to be updated before fare hikes go into effect. Metro officials said it takes about 60 days to update and test the software changes, and crews need time to install new signs throughout the system. In May, the board is expected to decide on the passage of its \$2.5 billion annual operating and capital budget for fiscal 2013.

The finance committee's move comes after Metro officials revised last week their budget numbers for fiscal 2013, projecting the transit authority would have a \$103 mil-

Breakdown of Fees

The base fare for rail riders would increase from \$1.95 to \$2.10. The maximum peak fare would increase from \$5 to \$5.75. The base off-peak rail fare would increase from \$1.60 to \$1.70. The maximum off-peak fare would be \$3.50. Bus fares would increase by a dime, rising to \$1.60 for those who use SmarTrip cards. Parking fees would rise by 25 cents. Bus riders who pay cash would face a 20-cent surcharge. (TWP)

lion deficit, \$16 million less than previously estimated. Metro plans call for eliminating the peak-of-

the-peak surcharge for rail riders who travel during the subway's busiest times.

Officials have said the move was an attempt to lessen congestion, but it failed to persuade riders to change their commuting habits. And officials have sought to eliminate the thousands of combinations of possible fares.

"This reminds me of the U.S. tax code," said Tom Downs, a board member appointed by the federal government. "We need a fare structure that is simple and predictable. If we keep making fare changes like this every time, we're making it much more complex for customers."

DANA HEDGPETH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

NASA Preps for Shuttle Arrival



BILL INGALLS/NASA VIA GETTY IMAGES

FROM INSIDE A PORTABLE TOOL SHED nicknamed the 'Tiki Hut,' NASA Flow Director, Orbiter Transition & Retirement, Stephanie S. Stilson talks on her phone at Dulles International Airport Thursday in Sterling, Va. Stilson and her team are preparing for the arrival of the space shuttle Discovery April 17.

Suspected Meth Lab Found in Adams Morgan

Washington

Police say a search of a northwest Washington apartment suspected of housing a meth lab has uncovered hazardous materials.

Police conducted a search Wednesday night inside an apartment at 1825 Summit Place that was suspected of having a possible illicit drug lab. One man was arrested on a distribution of cocaine charge, but no charges were filed in relation to other substances that were found.

Hazardous materials were removed from the building, and it was deemed safe for residents.

This is at least the third meth bust in the District in the last five months, according to police.

Still, police say meth production labs in the District are rare, and most cases involve possession and distribution.

Anne Shinn, who has lived in the building for three years, agreed that this kind of police activity was not the norm.

"I'm just trying to wrap my head around it. A meth lab? It's not something I would expect in my ... building."

— ANNE SHINN, A RESIDENT OF THE ADAMS MORGAN BUILDING WHERE POLICE FOUND A SUSPECTED METH LAB.

"I'm just trying to wrap my head around it," she said as she climbed the slope from Summit Place up to Columbia Road. "A meth lab? It's not something I would expect in my apartment building."

(THE WASHINGTON POST/AP)



Time Capsule: Clara Barton's downtown Washington office, where she led an effort to trace missing soldiers from the Civil War before she founded the American Red Cross which survived since her death 100 years ago, will soon become a museum. The National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Md., will lead the effort with the General Services Administration to open the Clara Barton's Missing Soldiers Office Museum. (AP)

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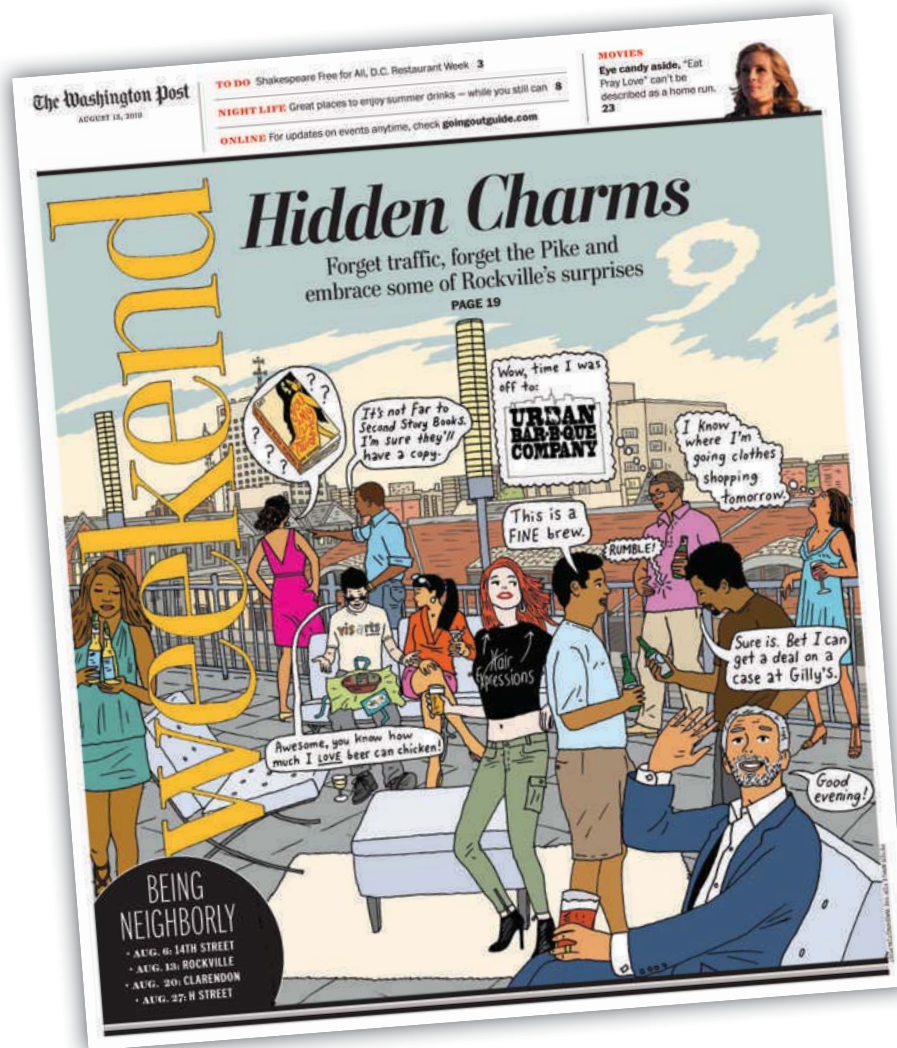
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TV Lineup



Carmelo Anthony and the Knicks face the Wizards and Heat this weekend.

Friday

7 P.M. Jordan Zimmermann pitches for the Nats against the Reds. MASN2

7 P.M. The Orioles open a series against the Blue Jays. MASN

7:30 P.M. The Wizards visit Carmelo Anthony and the Knicks. CSN

7:30 P.M. The Penguins and Flyers play Game 2 of their playoff series, followed by the Canucks-Kings. NBCSN

Saturday

3 P.M. The Caps visit the Bruins in Game 2 of their series. NBC

4 P.M. The Nats and Reds meet in the third game of a four-game set. MASN2

4 P.M. D.C. United takes on the New England Revolution. CSN+

7 P.M. The Wizards take on the Cavaliers. CSN

Sunday

NOON The NHL playoffs continue with the Predators-Red Wings and Penguins-Flyers series. NBC

1 P.M. The Heat play the Knicks and the Lakers host the Mavericks. ABC

1:30 P.M. The Nats and Reds wrap up their series. DC50

Caps' Coverage

Thursday's Capitals-Bruins playoff game ended after Express' deadline. For results, see washingtonpost.com/sports.

Batters Up?

The Nats bet their offense will improve this year without a major acquisition

The Nationals

It was a gamble.

When the Nationals missed out on signing free agent first baseman Prince Fielder, general manager Mike Rizzo said he was content to enter the 2012 season without making any significant addition to his club's starting lineup, though the 624 runs the Nationals scored last season were the fewest in the division and 12th in the 16-team National League.

In fact, Rizzo had never felt inclined to overpay, via free agency or trade, to secure an extra bat or two for the lineup. He reasoned that if Ryan Zimmerman and Adam LaRoche stayed healthy all season and Jayson Werth rebounded from an abysmal first season with the club, that alone

would amount to a vastly improved offense.

"We had offensive questions last year, but we tend to forget that we played almost the whole season without Adam LaRoche, who averaged 25 home runs and 80 RBI the last six seasons, excluding last year," Rizzo told MLB.com during spring training. "Ryan Zimmerman missed a third of the season. We had Michael Morse, who started the season extremely slowly. We had Jayson Werth, who didn't get anywhere near his career norms as a player."

The danger in Rizzo's assessment was that it assumed no similarly catastrophic injury would befall a core player and that none would have a drastically subpar season. The soundness of the philosophy was already being tested during the Nationals' first homestand of the year, when a key component was missing.

In perhaps the harshest early-season blow, the Nationals announced Tuesday that Morse, who began the season on the disabled list with a lat injury, will be shut down indefinitely after experiencing a setback during a minor-league rehab game.

Morse was the breakout star of 2011, hitting .303 with 31 home runs and 95 RBI.

The news hit manager Davey Johnson hard.

"I didn't think it was even that serious," Johnson said Tuesday. "I was kind of looking forward to penciling him into the lineup on Thursday. That's not going to happen. That concerns me."

Morse had been rehabbing alongside Rick Ankiel, the team's presumed starting center fielder who is recovering from a quadriceps injury. Ankiel appeared on pace to return to the Nationals on Saturday.

The Nationals have thus far replaced Morse with the tandem of Mark DeRosa, signed in the offseason to be a bench player, and Xavier Nady, who joined the club midway through spring training.

The combined offensive output of DeRosa and Nady over the past two seasons amounts to just 11 home runs and 90 RBI, four seasons worth of production that falls well short of Morse's 2011 numbers.

DEREK TURNER (FOR EXPRESS)

Ryan Zimmerman
162-game average:
.288, 24 HR, 95 RBI;
2011: .289, 12 HR, 49
RBI in 101 games

Jayson Werth
162-game average:
.264, 24 HR, 81 RBI
2011: .232, 20 HR, 58
RBI in 150 games

Adam LaRoche
162-game average:
.268, 26 HRs, 92 RBI
2011: .172, 3 HR, 15
RBI in 43 games

Keys to the Lineup

The Nationals' Adam LaRoche, Jayson Werth and Ryan Zimmerman didn't live up to their usual production last year, which bodes well for the team if the stars find their form in 2012. Here are their 162-game averages (based on their career stats) versus their 2011 stats. (EXPRESS)

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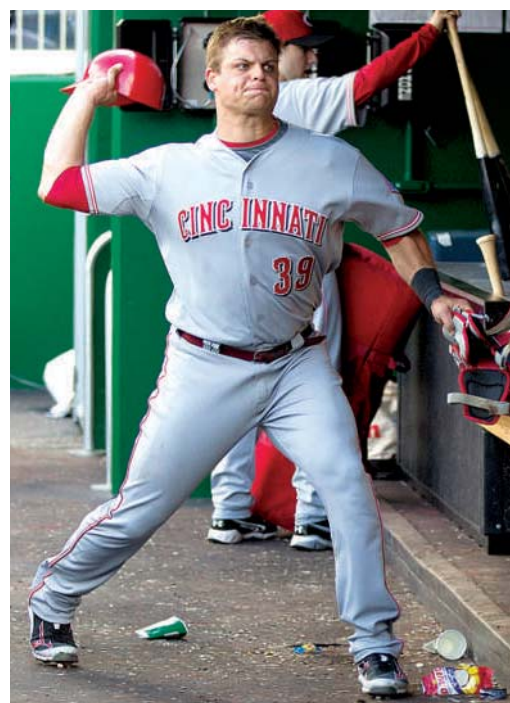
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Left: Ryan Zimmerman scores the winning run in the 10th inning of the Nationals' 3-2 victory over the Reds. Right: Cincinnati's Devin Mesoraco tosses his helmet in anger.



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Strasburg Lives Up to the Billing

D.C. sports fans have come to learn that if something can go wrong, it will. Nothing ever works out the way it was supposed to.

Desmond Howard, Heath Shuler and Michael Westbrook were just the start of a trend of the Redskins investing in all the wrong players.

The Wizards can't buy a break either, even when they got Chris Webber, who played his way out of town to Sacramento, where he finally lived up to the billing.

Even with Alex Ovechkin in his seventh year, the Capitals are still chasing their success of the late 1980s.

The Nats' plan with Stephen Strasburg appears to be working, albeit after his Tommy John surgery.

With that in mind, it's remarkable that the Nationals' plan with Stephen Strasburg appears to be working so well, albeit after his Tommy John surgery.

In two outings this season, Strasburg is every bit the ace he was touted to be when drafted No. 1 in 2009. Wednesday's win over the Mets was monumental, too, as he went past 100 pitches in one game for the first time.

Despite struggling late, Strasburg got out of a jam while throwing well over 90 mph. In nearly each at-bat, the fireballer showed how a dominant ace should perform.

In some ways, Strasburg arrived as a truly premier pitcher this week. The elbow injury is fully healed and Strasburg is better than ever. Is this really happening in Washington? In this case, at least, everything is falling into place.



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A Wild Win in Home Opener

Gonzalez is brilliant as the Nats pull out a thriller over Reds

The Nationals

Standing on third base with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning, Ryan Zimmerman still was bummed about the two plays he failed to make in the field earlier Thursday for the Nationals.

Knowing that the Cincinnati Reds' relievers are prone to throwing "dirtballs," Zimmerman was aware that Alfredo Simon might very well miss his mark. Sure enough, Simon threw a wild pitch, and Zimmerman raced home, helping the Nationals extend their best start since moving to Washington with a 3-2 victory over the Reds.

Scoring the winning run made Zimmerman able to get over the two balls that got past him while he played third, one in the eighth inning, and one in the ninth — the



Gio Gonzalez struck out seven batters in seven shutout innings on Thursday.

latter allowing Ryan Ludwick to deliver a tying two-run single for Cincinnati as former Phillies closer Brad Lidge blew the save in his game in D.C. as a National.

"If we had lost that game," Zimmerman said, "it would have been

Teddy Is Still a Loser

The Nats think this season will be different, but one thing remained the same in Thursday's home opener. Teddy Roosevelt took a big lead in the President's Race, but as always, he came up just short. Fans booed the all-too-predictable result, hoping they were in a first. Jayson Werth, who joined the "Let Teddy Win" movement, was on the fans' side. "What's the poor guy got to do to get a win?" he asked. (EXPRESS)

hard for me to sleep tonight."

Instead, the Nationals improved to 5-2, good for first place in the NL East, and treating sellout crowd to a win in the home opener for the first time since 2008.

Craig Stammen (1-0) struck out the side in the 10th for the win, needing all of 10 pitches for those three outs. "We don't give in. We don't give up," said Jayson Werth. "It's a long season. A lot can happen," Werth said. "But I like the way we've started."



The Nationals never had been better than 3-4 through seven games since they moved to Washington in 2005. They're hoping to build on last season's improvement, when they finished 80-81 and in third place in the NL East.

"We're showing signs of great life here," said Washington starter Gio Gonzalez, who struck out seven and didn't walk a batter in seven shutout innings. He even added his first major league hit for good measure. HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

40,907 The attendance at Nationals Park for Thursday's home opener, a sellout against the Cincinnati Reds. Last year, the Nats drew 39,055 in their home opener against the Braves. (EXPRESS)

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Wizards' Grunfeld Works Without a Net

Team president still confident with his contract set to expire

The Wizards

Ernie Grunfeld lost his job during the last post-lockout season in 1999, when he made two controversial trades, for Latrell Sprewell and Marcus Camby, that failed to yield immediate results for the New York Knicks. Grunfeld found vindication when Sprewell and Camby went on to spark the Knicks' surprising run to NBA Finals later that season.

Now, the NBA is in another lock-out-shortened season, and Grunfeld finds himself in the final year of his contract as president of the Wizards. With the Wizards (14-44) headed toward their fourth consecutive lottery appearance — and needing to win one more game to avoid the worst winning percentage in franchise history — several NBA executives and scouts have speculated that Grunfeld won't return to oversee the rebuilding efforts.

One prominent agent said the



There is speculation Ernie Grunfeld won't return as the Wizards' president next year.

Grunfeld's Blunders



Signing **Gilbert Arenas** to a six-year, \$111-million extension in 2008 after the point guard suffered two knee injuries. He got hurt again and then was involved in a gun incident that led to Grunfeld breaking up the team.



Giving **Andray Blatche** a three-year, \$28-million extension in September 2010 and watching him fall well short of expectations. Grunfeld was unable to move Blatche at the trading deadline this season.

Wizards job would be highly sought after if it became available and that there is "no way" owner Ted Leonsis can bring back Grunfeld. "Look, it's a tough job," the agent said. "But he's had his shot."

Despite the rumblings, Grunfeld remains confident about the direction of the organization and has not let the speculation about his future affect him. "I'm just working as hard as I can, to do best job that I can," said Grunfeld, whose Wizards will face the Knicks on Friday.

Leonsis has a policy of not discussing contract situations. But he has compared the struggles of his first two years as owner of the Wiz-

ards to how the Capitals finished in last place each of Alex Ovechkin's first two seasons. And, in a recent post about the Wizards' season-high-tying two-game winning streak, Leonsis praised the scouting department for drafting Kevin Seraphin and acquiring Jordan Crawford. He concluded, "We are making progress."

Grunfeld hasn't acted like he's restricted from making decisions that will affect the future of the franchise. He replaced Flip Saunders with Randy Wittman after a 2-15 start in late January and dealt former first-round draft picks JaVale McGee and Nick Young at the trade deadline for veteran center Nene.

The trade symbolized a culture shift for the team, which was in need of more professionalism. Grunfeld said Nene gives the team "credibility" and he would like to surround him and former top pick John Wall with more like-minded talent. "We still have a lot of work ahead of us," Grunfeld said. "But from what our game plan is, to get young players and build through the draft, that's what we're in the process of doing."

MICHAEL LEE (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Grunfeld's draft choices from last June — **Jan Vesely**, **Shelvin Mack** and **Chris Singleton** — have failed to make significant contributions despite considerable opportunities. (TWP)

United Faces Test During 3-Game Stretch

Major League Soccer

All of the touted depth that D.C. United went at lengths to acquire during the offseason has already been tested, with injuries and international absences taking their toll early in the season. The club will face its biggest challenge so far over the next eight days, though.

Saturday's match in New England against the Revolution kicks off a stretch of three games in a little more than a week, where coach Ben Olsen will be looking for different combinations in his lineup to get the results the team needs.

"We're going to need as many bodies as possible in the next two weeks," Olsen said. "Everybody's

charged up, and everyone realizes how important this stretch is to us. Not only do we need to start getting some wins, we also need to get wins against East Coast opponents. Here's a good chance for us to prove that we're moving forward."



After a 1-2-2 start, D.C. is playing better, but its point total doesn't necessarily reflect that. After a stretch of four-straight games against teams from MLS' Western Conference, D.C. can focus on some of its direct competitors in the East standings in this stretch

Subplots

Familiar Foe

When United faces the New England Revolution Saturday, Clyde Simms will line up against D.C. for the first time in his career. After seven seasons as a stalwart for United, Simms made way for the up-and-coming Perry Kitchen in the offseason and has relished his new opportunity with the Revolution, starting all of the team's games this season. "I definitely miss the city of D.C., but as far as the team, I'm happy here," Simms told the Revolution's website this week. A.C.

against conference foes New England, Montreal and New York. With the new unbalanced schedule and playoff format placing a greater emphasis on besting in-conference teams, it is of the utmost importance that United get points from these games to avoid not only missing out on adding to their total but watching the competition double up on them as well.

"You hear people say six-point swings, it's important," said midfielder Danny Cruz, whose emergence on the right wing has given Olsen a capable alternative to Andy Najar. "It's important to beat the teams in your conference, and we look at it that way for sure."

AVI CREDITOR (FOR EXPRESS)



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On the Market

Former Arkansas coach Bobby Petrino's home is for sale and listed for \$2.5 million. The 8,741 square-foot house has been listed since May 6, 2010, and features six bedrooms, six full bathrooms and three half-bathrooms. Petrino was fired Tuesday after failing to reveal he had hired his mistress and paid her \$20,000. (AP)

ready to rent



Mandy Stahl, 29, moves into her new studio in Cleveland Park. Stahl left a group house in Mt. Pleasant, where she had three roommates, to find a place of her own.

A Home Of Your Very Own

Despite the higher costs, renters are ditching their roommates to live solo

Lifestyle

In February, Mandy Stahl, 29, moved out of her room in a newly renovated row house in Mt. Pleasant that had three outdoor decks and ample space. The living arrangement was about as good as it gets with roommates. Stahl, who oversees digital strategy for the American Association of Executives, lived with three friends — all of whom she knew before moving in (no randoms from Craigslist) — and her portion of the rent was \$840, including utilities. Why did she give all that up to pay hundreds more in rent?

Simple. Stahl wanted to live alone, even though she'll be ponying up \$1,400 a month for a studio in Cleveland Park. "I've had roommates since 2005. That's over six years. I'm ready just to deal with my own messes," Stahl says.

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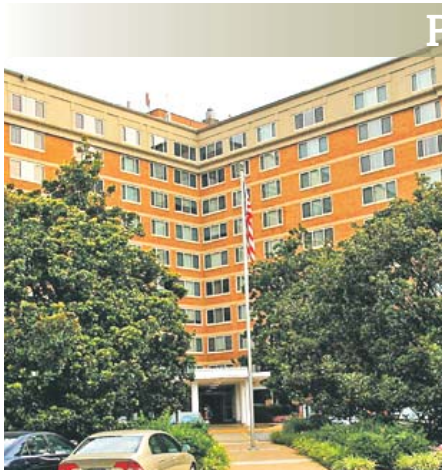
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Living Solo

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As anyone who has made the leap from having roommates to living alone can tell you, not having to clean up after other people is a benefit that never gets old. Then there's getting your own bathroom, a perk Stahl did not have in Mt. Pleasant.

Add that to the list, along with no longer being subjected to your roommate's coffee-stained Ikea futon, endless marathons of "The Real Housewives of New Jersey" or the smell of old Thai food containers that never seem to get thrown out.

These perks are not lost on residents of the District. According to 2010 census data, the District has the highest rate in the country of people living alone: 48 percent of households consist of just one person. (Manhattan, the land of the eternally single, clocks in at 47 percent.)

The demand for single living is having an effect on the rental market. In the District, studio rental prices rose more than 5 percent in 2011, compared with an increase of 1 percent for two-bedrooms, according to real estate website HotPads.

In February, the average rent for a studio in the District was \$1,682 (it was \$1,899 for a one-bedroom). But prices vary dramatically by neighborhood. Expect to pay \$2,037 for a studio in upscale Dupont Circle. If you're willing to move a bit north to, say, Mt. Pleasant, you'll pay half that — studios



Mandy Stahl had to cut down on some expenses—she ditched her DVR and put a moratorium on new clothes—to afford a studio.

there go for, on average, \$1,025. And in the Catholic University/Brookland area, studio rental prices dip to \$985 on average.

Even if you steer clear of the priciest areas (Georgetown, Foggy Bottom, Logan Circle, Mt. Vernon Square, to name a few), living solo will still mean taking on a new bundle of expenses. In a city where the average household pays \$52 a month for electrici-

ty and more than \$200 a month for natural gas, according to the White Fence Index, which measures utility prices, just keeping your lights on and your apartment warm can become a huge financial drain.

Having utilities included in her rent helped soften the blow for Stahl. She also made some lifestyle adjustments.

"I won't have a DVR in my new

place. And I put myself on a break from buying new clothes because I knew this move was going to be a financial hit," she says.

To afford his real estate fantasy of living alone, Will Gordon, 29, a graphic designer, is pinching pennies. At the end of February, Gordon moved to Columbia Heights, where he's paying \$1,200 a month for a one-bedroom, a steep increase from the \$500 he was paying to live

with roommates in Northeast.

"It's definitely a struggle financially to live on my own," Gordon says. So he's made some cutbacks: only one drink when he hits the town, and no dinners out.

Gordon doesn't have cable, but he says that doesn't feel like such a sacrifice: Even though he paid for cable at his old apartment, he never watched TV.

"Netflix gives me all the entertainment I need," he says. "When

"I put myself on a break from buying new clothes because I knew this move was going to be a financial hit."

— MANDY STAHL, WHO LEFT A GROUP HOUSE IN MT. PLEASANT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF A CLEVELAND PARK STUDIO

you're in a group house, you don't have a say."

And then there are the benefits of living alone that are hard to put a price tag on.

Charlotte Devilliers, 25, the manager of Cheesetique, a specialty cheese bar in Del Ray, knew she had to move out of her townhouse in Burke the night her roommate came home drunk and interrupted her studying. Devilliers didn't bat an eye at upping her monthly rent from \$750 to \$1,200 to live alone in Alexandria.

"For peace and quiet, it's totally worth it," she says. HANNAH SELIGSON (FOR EXPRESS)

PRICE POINT COMPARING RENTAL PRICES IN AND AROUND THE DISTRICT

\$1,500 to \$2,000

\$1,700

This sunny, 400-square-foot studio has a balcony (though it looks out onto a brick facade), walk-in closet and marble sink. Its kitchen is a little lacking — the appliances are new but there is no dishwasher and counter space is limited. The 1960s building retains some of its quirks (like the strange faux-marble statue in the lobby). There is a full-time desk attendant, a workout room and a rooftop pool. The location couldn't be better — the Savoy is walking distance from Dupont Circle and a short ride to Georgetown. (LISTED ON URBAN 1GLOO)

Foggy Bottom

Studio: 1101 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Apt. 914

\$1,600

From the outside, the low-rise buildings at Lynbrook and Meadow Creek look a little dowdy. But what they lack in cool, they make up for in comfort. This plush, spacious three-bedroom has thick carpets and freshly painted walls. The kitchen is a bit cramped, but the appliances are new. And the patio and living room provide more than enough common space. Then there are the amenities, including swimming pools (three), tennis courts, a gym and free Internet. Residents can walk to a shopping center for groceries but need to take a car (or a free shuttle) to the Metro. (LISTED ON URBAN 1GLOO)

Alexandria

3 bedroom: 5421 Sheffield Court, Apt. 212, Alexandria

AMANDA ERICKSON (FOR EXPRESS)

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DC	<i>Benning Road</i>	1910 Benning Rd., NE Washington, DC 20002	Nice end rowhouse, 2 BR w/Den, on the new trolley car line, off-street parking, front porch, and unfinished basement.	2 BR w/Den Starting at \$1150 301-589-6000				X								X				
DC	<i>50th Place</i>	1225 50th Pl., NE Washington, DC 20019	Spacious 1 BRs, \$775 + utilities, plenty of storage space, gorgeous hardwood floors.	1 BR Starting at \$775 Call Gene Wason 301-589-6000 x109			X				X									
DC	<i>K Street</i>	Bladensburg Gardens Apartments 1606-1610 K St., NE Washington, DC 20002		1-2BRs Starting at \$892 301-589-6000 x109			X	X										X		
DC		Fort Chaplin Park 4212 East Capital St., NE Washington, DC 20010	• One Block from Metro • New Window Treatments • Landscaped Courtyards • 5% Discount to all Metro & DC Gov't. Employees • Renovated Kitchens • Individually controlled heat & A/C • Housing Choice Voucher Welcome where rents are within voucher limits	1,2,3 BRs Starting at \$810 866-209-9228			X	X	X	X	X	X								
DC		The Woodner 3636 16th St., NW Washington, DC 20010	-Immediate Availability -Spacious Studios and 1 Br. Apts/FREE Utilities -Fitness Center and Underground Parking -On-Site Grocery, Dry Cleaner, and Restaurant -Free Shuttle to Red Line (Van Ness) -Within Walking Distance to Columbia Heights Metro	Studio, 1 BR Starting at \$1025 202-328-2822 woodner.com			X	X					X			X		X		
DC		The Saratoga Apartments 4601 Connecticut Ave., NW Washington, DC 20008	One of the premiere luxury apartment addresses on Connecticut Avenue is only a short walk to the Van Ness Metro, numerous shops and restaurants. *stainless steel appliances *9-foot ceilings, private balconies *a chic billiards lounge, business center, and more! Featuring a 2 BR apartment for \$2,695!	Studio, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$1675 888-258-8171 thesaratogadc.com			X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X		X	
DC		Banneker Place 3738 D St., SE Washington, DC 20019	The apartment homes at Banneker Place feature an array of modern amenities and many extras for your convenience. Choose from a variety of living spaces designed to meet your every need. You'll be close to transportation, shopping, and great entertainment. Call today to make Banneker Place your new home!	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at \$640 202-803-6329			X	X	X			X			X					
DC		River Hill Apartments 2942 2nd St., SE Washington, DC 20032	River Hill Apartments was created for those who know what they want out of life! Our elegant homes of distinction provide carefree living with personalized service. You'll be surrounded by natural beauty and vitality. With our central location, you are just minutes from fine dining, shopping and recreation. With features such as a swimming pool and a playground, you'll be living the good life.	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$724 866-378-3385				X	X			X			X					
DC	<i>Minnesota Avenue</i>	1715 Minnesota Ave., SE Washington, DC 20020	Spacious 1 BRs \$775 + utilities, plenty of storage space, gorgeous hardwood floors	1 BR Starting at \$760 Call Gene Watson 301-589-6000 x109			X				X					X		X		
DC	<i>E Street</i>	5210-5212 E St., SE Washington, DC 20019	Beautiful 1-2 BRs starting from \$950-\$1375, remodeled, some with balconies, secured entry, video intercom	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$950 Call Gene Wason 301-589-6000 x109			X	X			X							X		

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DC		3322 12th St., SE Washington, DC 20032	Spacious 1 BRs \$745 + electric, plenty of light, on-site laundry, close to new shops & Congress Heights metro.	1 BR Starting at \$745 Call Gene Wason 301-589-6000 x109		X			X	X				X		
DC		Friendship Court 4632 Livingston Rd SE Washington, DC 20032	Fresh, crisp and beautifully landscaped. Friendship Courts newly renovated community is remodeled with you in mind! Our one and two bedroom apartment homes are completely upgraded and ready for you to visit.	2 BRs Starting at \$849 202-563-6968			X									
DC		Meadow Green Courts 3539 A St., SE Washington, DC 20019	Located in a beautiful natural wooded setting with courtyards. We are convenient to shopping, schools, and major highways. Our spacious apts have everything to offer you including large walk-in closets, dishwashers and A/C. • 5% Discount to all Metro & DC Gov't. Employees • Housing Choice Vouchers Welcome where rents are within Voucher Program limits	1,2,3 BRs starting at \$810 866-653-9652		X	X	X	X	X	X					
DC		Eagles Crossing 1116 Irvington St., SW Washington, DC 20032	Comfort, convenience and quality... Eagle's Crossing has it all. Our garden-style spacious apartments offer beautiful landscaped grounds with easy access to public transportation, minutes away from downtown, 295, and the Metro.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs From the \$700s 866-233-0132 eandggroup.com	X	X	X		X		X			X		
DC		Friendship Crossing Apartments 57 Galveston St., SW Washington, DC 20032	You can have it all at Friendship Crossing ... convenience comfort and value! A great location just minutes to shopping, dining, 495, 295 and the metro. Our fully renovated apartment homes set in a park like atmosphere are waiting for you. Enjoy the luxuries of all new and upgraded appliances and the comfort of a gated community. Call us or visit us today to see what Friendship Crossing has to offer.	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$765 202-563-6800		X	X		X	X	X			X	X	
DC		Wingate Tower 4660 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave Washington, DC 20032	* One month's FREE RENT on select units * Gated Community with controlled access * Kitchens with new appliances * Private balconies and patios * Pet Friendly	1,2,3,4,5BR's starting at \$805 855-300-3230		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
MD		The Chateau 9727 Mt. Pisgah Rd. Silver Spring, MD 20906	All utilities included, newly renovated roommate style 2 bedrooms, UMD shuttle on-site, 24hr front desk service, short term leases available, Verizon Fios, walk-in closets, 24hr fitness center, Olympic size swimming pool, excellent customer service.	1BR- 3BR's starting at \$1175-\$2015 888-377-4216 chateau.net	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
MD		Park Bethesda 5325 Westbard Avenue Bethesda, MD 20816	Park Bethesda is moments from the heart of vibrant Bethesda, yet set in a more serene suburban setting. Luxury amenities all within your urban oasis! State of the art fitness center, 24 hour concierge, gourmet kitchens and much more!	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1352 240-752-9007 parkbethesda.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X
MD		Autumn Woods Apartments 5033 57th Avenue Bladensburg, MD 20710	Welcome to Autumn Woods . . . the lifestyle you deserve, at a price you can afford. Spacious apartments with wall-to-wall carpet, refrigerator, gas cooking, and dishwasher. Washer & dryer hook up in some apartments.	Studio, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$735 301-779-6777 knighta@richmanmgt.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X
MD		Penn Southern 4113 Southern Avenue Capitol Heights, MD 20743	All credit considered. FIOS ready. Upgraded eat-in kitchens. Paint options available in select apartments. Individually controlled air conditioning & heat. Close to Metro. ■ Minutes from Washington DC & Capitol Hill ■ Pool, sundeck, playground ■ Business Center	Studio, 1,2,3BR Starting at \$830 866-810-0275 pennsouthern.com	X	X	X		X		X					

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MD		Fox Club 1935 Brooks Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743	Ideally located in a charming, wooded setting just off Marlboro Pike, Fox Club has spacious, elegant apartment interiors. The Addison Rd. & Capitol Heights Metro Stations are just a short ride away. Shopping has never been more convenient with Penn Mar and Forest Village Shopping Centers close-by.	1,2,3 BRs, some w/Den Starting at \$930 301-637-5787 gradymgt.com			X	X	X	X	X	X								
MD		Addison Chapel 1525 Elkwood Lane Capitol Heights, MD 20743	• Newly remodeled apts. with designer finishes. • Separate dining areas, spacious living rooms • Complete ceramic tile kitchens, baths • Convenient to Deanwood Metro, bus at door • All utils. included for a small fee • Cats welcome	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$869 888-745-1719 leasing@addisonchapelapts.com			X	X			X	X	X	X			X	X		
MD		North Park Avenue Apartments 4615 North Park Avenue Chevy Chase, MD 20815	* Conveniently located just inside of the Beltway * Steps from areas most exclusive shops including the Mazza Gallerie * Approximately 3 miles from Georgetown * Call for current specials	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1,915 240-752-9004 northparkave.com			X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
MD		Seven Springs Village 3910 Cherry Hill Road College Park, MD 20740	All utilities Included! Live the good life at Seven Springs Village. Spacious and newly renovated apt. homes with stylish kitchens, walk-in closets and the best location in College Park! UMD and Metro Shuttles right at your doorstep!	Studio, 1,2,3 BRs From the \$1000's 888-419-1169 SevenSpringsVillage.com		X	X	X				X	X						X	
MD		Oakcrest Towers 2100 Brooks Drive Forestville, MD 20747	2011 PACE APARTMENT COMMUNITY" EXCELLENCE" AWARD WINNER. Picture yourself swimming in our resort style pool, playing a game of tennis or simply enjoying the view from your balcony or our Wi-fi terrace. First class fitness center; comfort and convenience minutes from the city, military bases & the Capital Beltway. Large renovated apartments, abundant closet space, exquisite details and much more.	Efficiency, 1, 2 BRs 2 BR/2 BA, 2 BR w/Den Starting at \$739 888-831-7065 oakcresttowers.com		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
MD		The Residences of Suitland Parks 6501 Hil-Mar Drive Forestville, MD 20747	This Property is situated on a quiet creek with wide open spaces and a park like setting. Easy access to I-495, Suitland Parkway and Metro. They offer a full array of recreational and social opportunities.	1, 2, 3+ BRs Starting at \$805 240-289-2950 suitlandparkapartments.com			X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X				
MD		Penn Landing Apartment Homes 6311 Pennsylvania Ave. Forestville, MD 20747	Welcome to Penn Landing Apartments, where exceptional customer service and comfort meet. Come see for yourself! Large apartments, affordable rents, and an unbeatable location all add up to complete convenience and relaxation. We look forward to welcoming you home.	1, 2, 3 BRs, 2BR Duplexes 240-289-2955 pennlandingapts.com			X	X	X			X	X	X	X					
MD		Charlestowne North 8150 Lakecrest Drive Greenbelt, MD 20770	Welcome home to Charlestowne North. Located in a serene wooded setting, this fully-loaded high-rise gives you: -Fully renovated apartments with stylish kitchens, new balconies and lots of space. -All utilities included in your monthly rent -A location near NASA Goddard Flight Center, the USDA, Metro and major roadways.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting from the \$1300s 877-883-1105 CharlestowneNorth.com		X	X	X					X	X			X	X		
MD		Glen Oaks 7509 Mandan Road Greenbelt, MD 20770	All Utilities are included at Greenbelt's premier community—Glen Oaks Apartments! Huge, stunningly-renovated apartment homes give you all the amenities you crave, including your own washer and dryer, lots of closets, and high-end finishes. Even enjoy full use of the Greenbriar Country Club!	1, 2, 3 BRs From the \$1,500s 888-458-3455 GlenOaksApts.com			X	X	X				X	X				X	X	
MD		Marlborough House 3001 Branch Ave. Hillcrest Heights, MD 20748	NOW OPEN 7 DAYS! Welcome home to Marlborough House where we offer superior service and a long list of amenities, including all utilities, a fitness center, a swimming pool, and a tele-entry system. Experience the Southern difference. Cats allowed with pet rent.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at \$935 888-347-6956		X	X	X			X				X	X	X	X		

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MD		Carriage Hill Apartments 3416 Curtis Drive #T3 Hillcrest Heights, MD 20746	Mid-Rise + Garden style apartment community. All credit considered. all utilities include and immediate move ins available.	1BR - 3BR's \$985-\$1465 888-341-7613 carriageapts.net		X	X	X								
MD		University City 2213 University Blvd. E Hyattsville, MD 20747	Convenient to Downton DC, the Capital Beltway (95/495), Univ. of MD, and 2 Metro Stations! Enjoy newly renovated apartments with generous living rooms, hardwood floors and ample closets. Walk to grocery stores, shopping & restaurants. On the UMD shuttle bus route (approx. 1.5 miles). Cats allowed, and utilities included for a small fee. Free, off-street parking. Se Habla Espanol	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$869 888-276-6289 universitycityapts.com		X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	
MD		Toledo Plaza 3215 Toledo Place Hyattsville, MD 20782	Toledo Plaza Apartments offers -Location: Close to major transportation routes -Convenience: Walk to Prince George's Metro Station and Prince George's Plaza shopping -Value: Our apartments are affordably priced and utilities are included! A great value close to major transportation corridors in Hyattsville.	Studio, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$1304 240-696-4600 toledoplazaapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
MD		Belcrest Plaza 3400 Toledo Terrace Hyattsville, MD 20782	Belcrest Plaza combines a beautiful wooded setting with the convenience of Metrorail & the Mall at Prince Georges directly across the street. Located just minutes from downtown DC & the Univ. of Md. with bus service for both! Convenient to the Beltway and B/W Parkway	Studio, 1,2,3 BRs some w/Den Starting at \$827 301-637-7539 Gradymgt.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
MD		Overlook Apartments 1507 Ray Road Hyattsville, MD 20782	ALL UTILITIES INCLUDED! Overlook Apartments offer stylish apartment living w/Metro, DC and 495 right at your fingertips. Variety of spacious floorplans. Sparkling pool. Income restrictions apply. See Sales Agent for Details.	1, 2 BRs from the \$1080's 888-414-5572 TheOverlookApts.com		X	X		X	X	X	X				
MD		Summer Ridge 1829 Belle Haven Drive Hyattsville, MD 20785	• 1 MONTH FREE! • Free Business Center • Free After School Program • Electronic Bldg. Entry System • Maximum Income Requirements • Credit & Criminal Screening Required	1, 2, 3 BRs 866-507-2283 summerridgeapartments.net		X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
MD		Kings Square Apartments 3402 Dodge Park Road Landover, MD 20785	• Newly renovated apartments • Laundry facilities • Cable ready • Day care on premises • Superb elementary school within walking distance • Walk to Metro and the new Wegmans! FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP (call for details)	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$835 877-219-5017		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
MD		Kent Village 6707 Hawthorne St. Landover, MD 20785	Located within minutes of downtown DC and the 495 Beltway. Only one block from the Landover Road Metro. Metro busstop on the community. Newly renovated 1 and 2 bedroom apartments and 2 bedroom townhomes. Comfort and convenience at an affordable price.	1,2 BRs, 2BR TH's starting at \$925 866-799-4621 kentvillage.com		X			X	X	X	X				X
MD		Maple Ridge 2252 Brightseat Road Landover, MD 20785	• Remodeled apartments w/ brand new kitchens • Spacious balconies or patios • Individually controlled A/C & heat • Licensed Daycare on Premises • Free Fitness Center on Property All in an excellent location, right by the new Wegmans! FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP (call for details)	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$875 877-219-5026		X	X	X	X			X	X			
MD		Crestleigh Apartments 9556 Muirkirk Road Laurel, MD 20708	Our spacious, stylish apartment homes come appointed with many closets, washers and dryers and a variety of floor plans. We offer exceptional customer service! Our sparkling pool and clubhouse are just a few of the amenities that make Crestleigh an ideal community. Minutes from the BW Parkway and downtown Laurel.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting from the \$1000s 877-804-6217 CrestleighApts.com	X	X	X			X	X				X	X

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MD		Winexburg Manor 2301 Glenallen Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20906	Discover an extraordinary residential community where garden & mid-rise apt homes are grand in scale & exceptional in design. • 33 acres of greenery & recreational activities • state-of-the-art Fitness Center • free aerobic classes • swimming pool and sundeck	Studio, 1, 2 BRs, some w/Dens Starting at \$1064 301-850-1767 gradymgt.com	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X		X
MD		Waterford Towers 14000 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD 20904	Utilities Included! Experience Hi-rise living at its Best! Newly renovated apartment homes are not only stylish and comfortable...they are also enormous & offer stunning views. Call or stop by today and see for yourself!	Studio, 1,2,3 BRs From the \$1100s 888-544-7357 WaterfordTowerApts.com	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X	
MD		Windsor Court and Tower 13802 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD. 20904	We fit your lifestyle! Choose from our garden or mid-rise apartment homes. Spacious floorplans. Individually controlled heat & A/C. On-site daycare, play areas, swimming and wading pools. Business Center. Cats and small dogs allowed! • CALL ABOUT OUR SPECIAL!	1 & 2 BRs Starting at \$999 888-255-6159		X	X		X		X	X		X		
MD		Nob Hill 9120 Piney Branch Rd Silver Spring, MD 20903	Beautiful garden community featuring studios, one bedroom, 1 bedroom + den, 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom apartments homes. Updated appliances + new energy efficient windows. Close to shopping & downtown Silver Spring.	Studios - 3BR's Starting at \$875 877-392-4203 nobhillapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
MD		Hillbrooke Towers 515 Thayer Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910	Newly renovated mid-rise apts on a lovely residential street close to the center of Silver Spring. Elevator, CAC, disposals, assigned free parking. Walk to Metro. Ride-on Bus at your door. Minutes away from restaurants, movies, theaters and parks. • \$200 Security Deposit (w/good credit) • Housing Vouchers Welcome	1, 3 BRs Starting at \$950 888-833-9784		X		X	X	X	X			X	X	
MD		Capital Crossing 3930 Suitland Road Suitland, MD 20746	One Bedrooms available immediately. Call today to find out how you can get up to one month free on your new apartment PLUS a very special move in gift!	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$920 888-348-1026 williamsmith.com		X	X		X		X			X		
MD		Silver Hill Apartments 4277 Silver Hill Road Suitland, MD 20746	Our oversized living spaces feature hardwood floors and mini blinds. We are conveniently located near the finest in shopping, dining and entertainment. Call today to see your new home at Silver Hill Apts. • Special Low Security Deposit • Move in for \$499 + deposit. (call for details)	1, 2BRs Starting at \$755 777-513-2042		X	X		X	X	X	X			X	
MD		Belford Towers 6733 New Hampshire Ave. Takoma Park, MD 20912	Our apartments boast wall-to-wall carpeting, central air, abundant closet space- including a walk in closet, garbage disposal, patio, elevator access, and vertical blinds. intercom access on site security.	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$970 888-420-4302 Beaconmanagement.com		X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
MD		Hunters Glen Apartments 14210 Slidell Court Upper Marlboro, MD 20772	Nestled in the heart of the beautiful Villages of Marlborough. Well manicured landscaping, perfect location near historical sites, shopping, dining & entertainment. * Clubhouse with Fitness Center * Swimming Pool, Large Sundeck	1, 2, 3+ BRs Starting from \$1465 888-627-3012 bozzuto.com		X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X
VA		Del Ray Central 3051 Mount Vernon Ave. Alexandria, VA 22305	A luxurious brand new community with a small town main street feeling. Experience shopping and dining at its best with a variety of specialty boutiques and locally owned restaurants. On Mt. Vernon Ave, moments from D.C. and right between Crystal City and Old Town.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs w/ dens Starting at \$1830 864-365-2138 delraycentral.com	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X

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VA		The Buchanan 320 23rd Street South Arlington, VA 22202	The Buchanan is located in the heart of Crystal City just minutes from downtown DC, the Pentagon and Old Town Alexandria. Imagine living at this perfect location where you have convenient access to the Crystal City Metro as well as steps away from a variety of shops, and award winning restaurants.	1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms starting at \$1,335 240-348-1803 www.buchananapts.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
VA		Dominion Plaza 1200 S Courthouse Rd Arlington, Virginia	Featuring reasonably priced, newly remodeled apartments overlooking scenic Army/Navy Country Club ● Parquet hardwood floor or wall-to-wall carpeting, as available ● Fitness center, pool & sundeck ● Picnic and barbecue areas on grounds ● Business Center	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1105 703-436-1516 dominionplazaapts.com	X	X	X		X	X		X		X	
VA		Shirlington House 4201 S. 31st Street Arlington, VA 22206	● Spacious floor plans ● Garage parking available ● 24 hour Fitness Center ● Convenience store on-site ● Convenient public transportation to Metro, Pentagon City & Crystal City ● Easy access to I-395	Studio, Efficiency, 1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1210 703-595-4233 shirlingtonhouseapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X				
VA		Dominion Arms 333 South Glebe Rd. Arlington, VA	● Beauty shop, barber shop & drycleaners ● Close to Route 50 ● Free on-site parking ● Laundry rooms on each floor ● Metro Bus to Ballston & Pentagon Metro ● Outdoor swimming pool ● Small pets welcome	Studio, 1BR, 2BR starting at \$1070 571-297-1027 dominionarmsapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	
VA		Potomac Towers 2001 North Adams Street Arlington, VA 22201	● Newly remodeled apartments ● Newly remodeled lobby w/Business Center ● Fitness Center, Pool & Sundeck ● 24-Hour Front Desk Service ● 3 Blocks to Court House Metro ● Easy access to Key Bridge, Rt. 66 & GW Parkway	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1405 703-485-4903 potomactowers.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
VA		Crystal Plaza 2111 Jefferson Davis Hwy Arlington, VA 22202	Imagine having direct access to the Crystal City Underground and Metro. Crystal Plaza features: * Generously sized interiors with wall to wall glass living areas and panoramic views * Modern eat-in kitchens, separate dining areas and ceramic tile bathrooms. Located in Crystal City minutes from downtown DC, the Pentagon and Old Town Alexandria.	Studio, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$1335 240-348-1790 crystalplazaapartments.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
VA		The Park at Arlington Ridge 1800 South 26th Street Arlington, VA 22206	LUXURY. CONVENIENCE. LIFESTYLE. These three words exude what is best about The Park at Arlington Ridge! Plush landscaping, well designed interiors, luxury amenities and services. Just minutes from DC, shopping, restaurants and entertainment the Park has the luxury and convenience to suit your busy lifestyle!	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1595 240-392-3361 parkatarlingtonridge.com		X	X		X	X	X	X			X
VA		Penrose Square on Columbia Pike 2501 9th Rd. S, Suite 100 Arlington, VA 22204	Nestled in the heart of Town Center in the Columbia Pike Revitalization District, our upscale community boasts the finest amenities in the area, including a GIANT food store downstairs, a shopping and dining pavilion on the 1st floor, a state of the art fitness center, business center, a putting green, and a resort style pool with sun deck. Enjoy easy access to DC, the Pentagon. First MetroBus Super Stop.	Studio, 1, 2, 3 BR THs Starting at \$1705 703-638-1936 penrose-square.com	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X
VA		2121 Columbia Pike 2121 Columbia Pike Arlington, VA 22204	You'll love the convenience of walking to locally owned shops, services and restaurants on Columbia Pike. CALL FOR OUR RENT SPECIAL.	Studio, 1, 1 w/Den, 2 BRs Starting at \$1355 703-537-5887 bmsmithandassociatesinc.com	X	X	X			X					
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Trisha Yearwood

COUNTRY SINGER, COOK, FOOD NETWORK STAR

No, you're not watching CMT — that's really country music star Trisha Yearwood demo-ing recipes for Brunswick Stew and chicken barbecue on the Food Network. After the "She's in Love With the Boy" singer wrote two cookbooks, it was really only a matter of time until "Trisha's Southern Kitchen" hit the airwaves. The six-episode series kicks off Sat. at 10:30 a.m.

How does a country music star end up a Food Network star?
I'm about as surprised as anybody. My sister, my mom and I wrote the first book [2008's "Georgia Cooking in an Oklahoma Kitchen"] really thinking, "This'll be a great way for us to get all of our family recipes in one place," never, never dreaming really that it would do so well. The second book [2010's "Home

Cooking with Trisha Yearwood"] did better than the first. Then the talk of a show started to come up, and I said, "You know, I don't think it would be fun to just be standing behind a kitchen counter and telling people to add a cup of sugar." So we created a show that was really a chance to hang out with my friends and my family and some cooking gets done.

Do any of the skills from being onstage or music carry over into being on a cooking show?
Being comfortable in front of the camera is a plus. But learning how to navigate a kitchen in front of a camera is a whole different thing. When I cook at home, which I do a lot, I'm not conscious of where I'm looking and remembering that I put the flour in the Kitchen Aid

mixer from the left side, so that when we come to do close-ups on the hand I remember what hand I had the flour in.

What surprised you most?
That for me to keep smiling all the time is hard. I focus in the kitchen, and I don't always have, like, a pleasant look on my face.

"We created a show that was really a chance to hang out with my friends and my family."

Will you sing on the show?
We did incorporate some music in the show, where it feels natural. I didn't want it to be, "OK, at the end of every episode Trisha is gonna break into spontaneous song." But I wanted it if it made sense.

How are you going to blend your music and cooking careers?
Music is first, of course. Always. I do love to cook, and it's been fun that I've been able to kinda take something that is a natural passion and turn it into something bigger. I don't think I would enjoy it if it was on the level of some of these gals who have this empire. Like I don't want to be Martha Stewart.

Will we see Garth [Brooks, country music superstar and Trisha's husband] on the show?
If we go past the six episodes, I'll probably rope Garth into an episode. I was really adamant about wanting to do the first six on my own. I wanted to see if I really enjoyed myself. 'Cause he'll do anything I ask him to do, but I don't want to just use him. I want to make sure it's the right thing.
BETH MARLOWE (EXPRESS)

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Georgetown boutiques like Sherman Pickey, Wink, the Magic Wardrobe and Urban Chic offer shoes, fashions and more at big markdowns at this cocktail- and cuisine-fueled shopathon. Tickets \$25-\$50. Wed., 3-9 p.m. Letelier Theater, 3251 Prospect St. NW; GeorgetownSipandSample.com.

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Change of A Dress

JUST LIKE LAST SEASON and the season before that and the season before that and ... Shoshanna's new collection of femme frocks and separates is killing it. Today, Urban Chic (1626 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5398) debuts dresses from the Spring 2012 line with its annual trunk show of the flirty brand. Styles meant to flatter curves and instill confidence include the blue floral Tillie frock (\$385), super-short eyelet mini-dress Mimi (\$350) and the zigzag mosaic print strapless Mylie (shown, \$375).

**Grab Bag****Power Planting**

WILLIAMS-SONOMA has sold the pots and gadgets that spawned zillions of home-cooked meals. Now, the Cali company wants to dish out the produce, eggs and herbs for feasts chez you, too, with its new Agrarian line of garden supplies (stores and Williams-sonoma.com), seeds and chicken coops. Way-beyond-Home Depot offerings include copper tools (shown, \$58 each), beekeeping sets (\$180-\$500) and cedar planters.

2



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**3 Jean Queen****NOT SINCE VELOUR PANTS**

with writing on the butt went out of style has there been such good news for your tush. Jan Forman, aka the Jeans Whisperer, recently opened a denim emporium steps from the Clarendon Metro stop (3101 Wilson Blvd., inside Greener Cleaner; 703-585-8833). Her knack for pairing booties with the right brand — plus her discounted collection of pairs (7 for all Mankind, Pagie, William Rast, Joe's for less than \$100) — is a dream for babies with back.

**4 Floor Scores****THE CONCEPT OF** modular carpeting isn't a new one.

(E.g., Pompeii, Ephesus.) But the idea of mixing and matching beneath your feet gets a mod twist via FLOR, the hip carpet-square company opening a shop Thurs. in Georgetown (1037 33rd St. NW; 866-281-3567). The two-story store displays dozens of reusable, rearrangeable fiber tiles in patterns like Hey Jack (left, \$16 a tile) and Mod Cow (right, \$15 a tile).

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I am a tax attorney in a formal office. I work with charming elderly gentlemen who might drop dead if they encounter a naked toe at work. However, spring is passing towards summer here in New Orleans, and even my affection for my colleagues cannot compel me to wear pantyhose. Can you find an office-appropriate shoe that is not too warm but does not reveal my lower digits? — NOLA



Manolo says, the Manolo has often noted that, strangely, even the most staid lawyer can be driven mad by the glimpse of succulent toe flesh, which is why sandals have never been considered to be the proper business attire.

And yet, our young tax attorney, who is undoubtedly slaving away in the corporate salty-tear mines as the countdown to the infernal April 15th nears, will soon be needing something truly glorious — high-heeled, bejeweled and open-toed — to celebrate her temporary release from the bondage.

In the meantime, she must concentrate on rendering unto Caesar and the senior partners that which is due them, to be defined as 3,000 billable hours a year. Because of this, beautiful, beautiful deserves beautiful office shoes, the tiny daily consolation for her mighty labors.

Here is the Pargata Buckle-Toe Rafia Pump from the Maestro Manolo Blahnik (\$745, Neimanmarcus.com), the perfect, super-sophisticated, summery shoe!

5 Foot, Locked In

MUFFY AND MR. MITTENS don't Facebook or Instagram. But you can still document their daily walks, romps on the beach or time angrily meowing in front of the litter box with a Sandy Paws kit (\$12, Uncommongoods.com). Simply GENTLY dip your pet's front feet in sand (or, perhaps, kitty litter?), then pour the plaster mix into the resulting prints and insert the provided loops of jute. Then, wait a few minutes for it to dry, and the mementos could headline at the Crazy Cat Lady Gallery (um, your hallway) or serve as sweet pet-parent Christmas tree ornaments. Still, if you just rescued a Great Dane, order two kits.



outside in



Bouquets go natural with garden blooms, herbs and simple vessels

Click on the FTD website, and you can still order a snoozy bouquet of daisies or — distressingly — a dozen roses that seem to have been scribbled on with rainbow markers.

But increasingly, nesters and florists are channeling Henry Thoreau, getting back to natural arrangements, seasonal blooms and simpler vases. “Floral design was stuck in a tight, contemporary feeling for so long, but I think people have started gravitating toward a more organic style,” says Nicolette Owen, the co-owner of Brooklyn’s Nicolette Camille Floral Design, who arranged lush, local dahlias, hydrangeas and ferns for the book “Bringing Nature Home” (\$45, Rizzoli).

This wild-at-heart look means thinking beyond traditional flower-shop fare, and mixing farmers market stems with leaves clipped from your house plants or snapdragons plucked from the garden.

pick 'em

“Look at a flower’s bud,” says Brooklyn florist Nicolette Owen. “If it’s already open, it won’t last.”

“It’s all about textures and a romantic, not-forced look,” says local floral designer Sarah von Pollaro, whose website, Flowerempowered.com, details easy, in-season arrangements like a fall stunner with mini pumpkins, autumn leaves and orange roses or a spring centerpiece of front yard daffodils, tulips and a mess of greens. “You don’t even have to have lots of blooms if you mix things with plants,” she says. “Roses look great with mint from a window box.”

Plot Summary

Flowers came from a Vienna, Va. private garden. Use farmers market blooms, grocery-store stems or yard clippings for a similar vibe. All arrangements by Sarah von Pollaro of Flowerempowered.com; details next page.

1. A mini vase goes glam with azaleas and hellebore.
2. Gran’s soup tureen can hold a springy centerpiece of greenery — eunonymous, climbing hydrangea (not blooming), deutzia, viburnum — combined with grocery-store tulip and ranunculus posies.
3. Reuse perfume flasks as vases for epimedium, sedum, Jacob’s Ladder, Lily of the Valley, muscari and hellebore.
4. Go green by filling empty cans with yucca, euphorbia cyparissias, cat mint, hosta, eunonymous and hellebore.

keep 'em fresh

“You wouldn’t drink dirty water, and neither do flowers,” says D.C. floral designer Sarah von Pollaro. “Change the water daily, and trim the stems.”

You can go for Martha Stewart-esque mounds of one sort of flower (peonies, maybe), but the craftier approach is to try three or so plants or posies in one vase. “Maybe you’ve got a vine, some interesting greens and a few showy flowers,” says von Pollaro. Think about which way the flowers grow outside, but also don’t be afraid to cut stems shorter than you usually would or have them cascade over the rim of the vessel, since this often makes arrangements appear lusher.

Bringing the outdoors in is easier if you have some space to plant posies in. Land barons can grow blooms like fragrant peonies, showy dahlias or zinnias, says Mary Cole, co-owner of Falls Church City’s Sam’s Farm garden center (7125 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church; 703-534-5292). “Just cut your flowers in the morning, bring them in and they’ll last and last,” she says. “It’s nice, because bringing things in and arranging them lets you show off



dig in

See how D.C. flower designer Sarah von Pollaro created these arrangements at Flowerempowered.com/?cat=6 or use the QR code at left.

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branch out

A climbing vine, when combined with spikey sticks, can make a dramatic design. Here, we used hosta, arum, Harry Lauder walking stick and honeysuckle.



in "Bringing Nature Home," similar shades of posies add up to elegant, easygoing arrangements.

something you've made yourself. It's a conversation starter."

Even if your "garden" is a windowsill (or a fantasy), you can still try your clippers at the trend. "Get to know the growers at your farmers market," says Owen. "Or plant some things in containers. Dahlias are great in pots." You can also volunteer to prune a friend's plants in exchange for a few blooms or visit a pick-your-own farm (see the sidebar at right).

Vases can be as unorthodox as the mixes you're plopping in them. "I love to use antique soup tureens," says Owen. Other less-stuffy-than-Grandma's-Wedgewood options: midcentury earthenware crocks, Mason jars or even tin cans with the labels pulled off.

"You don't have to even spend money on vases, you don't have to spend much on flowers," says von Pollaro. "So that means you've got no excuse not to make your own arrangements."

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Blooms to Go

Prefer to buy cut flowers and greens? You can find garden varieties at many farmer's markets as well as at Whole Foods, which often sources locally. Here are some other petal-powered spots:

» Fresh Farm Market

(Freshfarmmarket.org) boasts multiple local markets in Dupont Circle, Penn Quarter and more which sell grown-nearby blooms. Many other farmers markets also offer in-season flowers.

» **Blue Iris Flowers** at Eastern Market (225 7th St. SE; 202-547-3588) offers both local and imported posies.

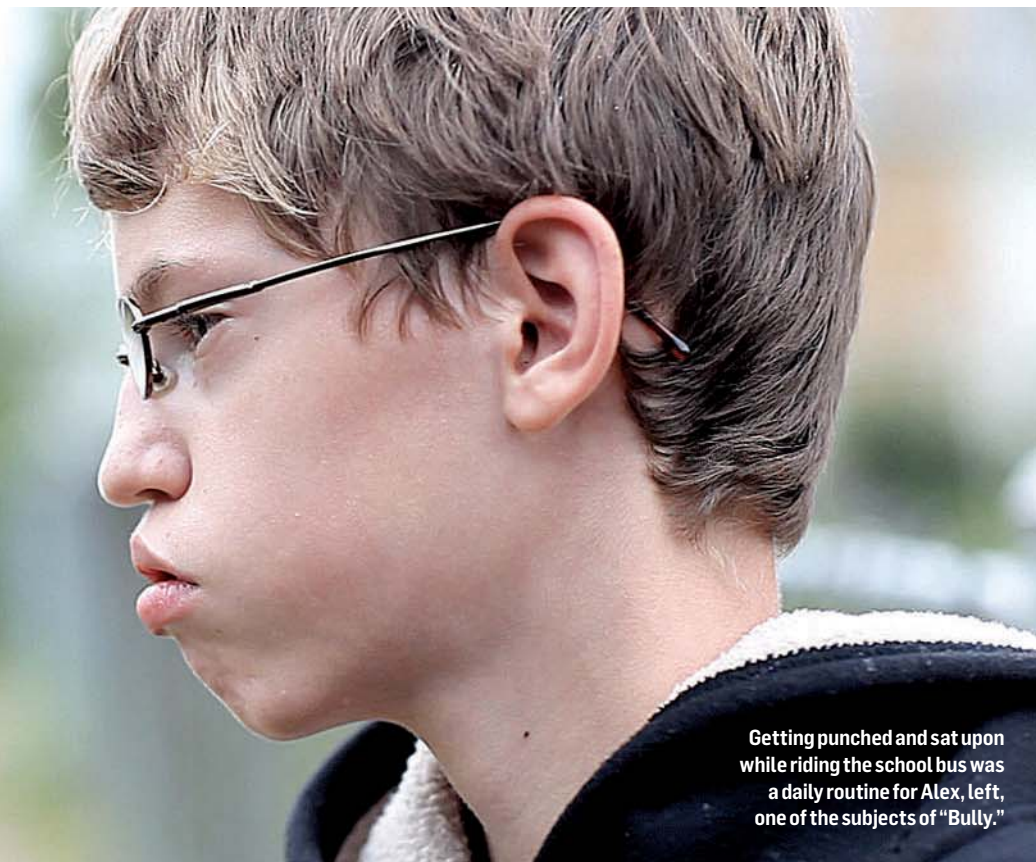
» **Pick your own** in the Va. countryside at Wollam Gardens (Wollamgardens.com); also sold at farmers markets and Whole Foods) or **Fields of Flowers** (Fields-of-flowers.com).

» **The National Cathedral Flower Mart** hawks plants and inspiration. Free. May 4-5; info at Allhallowsguild.com.

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Fighting Back

'Bully' aims to show what teen bullying looks like today, and the results aren't pretty



Getting punched and sat upon while riding the school bus was a daily routine for Alex, left, one of the subjects of "Bully."

Kelby Johnson didn't want to let the bullies win. One of the subjects of the documentary "Bully," out Friday, Johnson was experiencing what might nicely be called a rough time in her small town of Tuttle, Okla. When Johnson came out as a lesbian at 16, her classmates, teachers and teammates turned against her, constantly taunting and attacking her — sometimes physically. But she didn't want to leave, because that would mean giving up. Eventually, though, she had to.

"It came to the point where my risk was bigger than having to worry about whether they won or not," says Johnson. "I had to worry about me, and if I was safe, and I wasn't. I had to leave."

Her dad, Bob, agrees. "She hit the nail on the head when she said it reached a point where we could no longer ensure that she was going to be safe," he says, though he doesn't see her move as a victory for the bullies. "We began to decide at that point that this was something we'd have to fight on a much higher level. We weren't going to change anybody's mind in that town."

"Bully" has achieved notoriety for the battle over its rating: Six uses

— by children — of the F-word got it an R rating from the MPAA, and the Weinstein Co. was planning to release the film unrated before a last-minute edit qualified the film for a PG-13 rating. But what's been lost in the fury are the stories of the children featured in the film, one of whom, Alex, endures a brutal bus ride nearly every day. He's punched, sat upon and threatened — and director Lee Hirsch was on the bus filming it, unable to stop it.

"It was totally frustrating," says Hirsch. "Had it gotten much worse, of course I would have [stepped in]. But this was the daily routine for Alex. Sometimes I didn't really know what was happening, because

The Reelist

All Our Children

Trey Wallace is awfully small for a pallbearer. I'm sure that many 11-year-olds serve at, say, their grandfathers' funerals in kind of a ceremonial position. But in "Bully," opening locally today, Wallace lifts just as much as the other men. Of course, the body in the casket, that of Ty Smalley, can't be too heavy — he

was 11 when he shot himself after merciless bullying.

The saga of the documentary's rating (ultimately a PG-13) brought "Bully" plenty of publicity. And I hope it pays off. While I don't consider it revolutionary filmmaking, I do believe it is a film that can revolutionize how bullying is dealt with in schools. But that's only if audiences go in — and, more importantly, come out — with the right mindset. What cannot



By Kristen Page-Kirby

happen is for audiences to think "Bully" is a story about other kids. Kids who listen to music no one has heard of, or kids who are just a little strange, or kids who are gay. So you need to make sure that the tweens and teens you know see this movie. Do everything short of grabbing random kids on the street and forcing them into the theater. Because the only way to get out of "Bully" what we need to get out of it is to realize that it's a story about OUR kids.



Read Kristen's previous columns at: expressnightout.com/thereelist

"I had to worry about me, and if I was safe, and I wasn't. I had to leave."

— **KELBY JOHNSON**, ONE OF THE SUBJECTS OF "BULLY," WHO LEFT HER HOMETOWN TO ESCAPE BULLYING.

I was trying not to fall over when getting a shot. I couldn't hear the audio. The ride at the beginning of the film when the kid is threat-

ening him, I remember thinking, "That was a good bus ride he had. That kid seemed like he was really being nice to him."

Eventually, Hirsch gave the footage to Alex's parents, who took it to the school — a move many would say violates the rules of documentary, where the filmmaker is supposed to stay out of the story. The decision made Hirsch hesitate. But "it was a very quick pause. We acknowledged that things [in the film] would change. But ultimately the movie

wasn't more important than Alex's safety. It needed to stop."

For Kelby, it only stopped when she moved to a larger city, though her parents and younger brother still live in Tuttle. And while she readily acknowledges that her experiences were hellish, she says "Bully" "made what I went through almost worth it. I would do it again if I had this opportunity to change the world like I do now. I didn't just go through it all for nothing."

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Just Plain Stupid

'The Three Stooges' brings nothing new to the classic comic trio

Film Review

"The Three Stooges" isn't presented in 3-D. Moe, Larry and Curly can't reach through the screen to poke your eyes, box your ears or sock you in the stomach.

That doesn't mean you're completely safe.

The imbecilic "Stooges" still manages to pummel you into submission with 92 minutes of relentless stupidity. Even by Stooges standards, it's overly juvenile and totally dumb. "You haven't changed a bit," one character tells the Three Stooges. Maybe they should have, though. Just a little.

The original Stooges, of course, were a vaudeville act whose physical shtick was characterized by aggressive but finely choreographed kicks, punches, snaps and falls. The Stooges put the "slap" in slapstick, the "rough" in rough and tumble... and for the time period (the 1930s and '40s), it was high comedy.

With the Farrelly brothers' "Three Stooges," the routine hits a new low. The worst criticism one can level at this reboot is that it's utterly unnecessary. There isn't a single idea in the film that justifies the Farrellys dragging these classic

The Three Stooges (PG)

► **Directors:** Bobby Farrelly, Peter Farrelly

► **Stars:** Sean Hayes, Will Sasso, Chris Diamantopoulos

► **In a Nutshell:** While trying to save their childhood orphanage, Moe, Larry, and Curly inadvertently stumble into a murder plot and wind up starring in a reality TV show.

► **For Fans of:** "Jack and Jill"

characters out of the mothballs, no valid reason to put three actors — Chris Diamantopoulos (Moe), Sean Hayes (Larry) and Will Sasso (Curly) — through the torturous rigors of a lackluster Stooges story.

The Farrellys, in effect, have created a cover band. They play all the hits (pun intended), but it's not the same, and the difference is bothersome. SEAN O'CONNELL

(THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Fans dressed as storm troopers and Spider-Man gather at the annual Comic-Con.

Goofy Getups, Outsize Heart

Film Review

Set during the 2010 Comic-Con International — an annual convention that has grown from a gathering of a hundred or so comic-book fanatics to a pop-culture mecca drawing 125,000 attendees — "Comic-Con Episode IV: A Fan's Hope" holds enormous appeal for both the geek audience and the casual viewer.

Morgan Spurlock knows a thing or two about obsessive behavior, having eaten nothing but McDonald's food for a month for his 2004 breakout, "Super Size Me."

For "Comic-Con," the filmmaker follows a handful of equally passionate participants in the convention, including two aspiring comic artists who hope to get their work noticed by publishers at portfolio review sessions; a designer entering the convention's annual costume contest, known as the Masquerade; a grizzled and gray-pony-tailed comic-book dealer who has

Comic-Con Episode IV: A Fan's Hope (PG-13)

► **Director:** Morgan Spurlock

► **In a Nutshell:** A behind-the-scenes look at the fans who gather by the thousands each year in San Diego, Calif., to attend Comic-Con, the world's largest comic book convention.

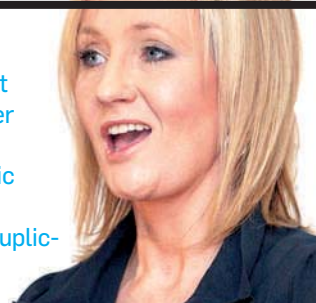
been coming to Comic-Con for 38 straight years; and a young man who plans to propose marriage to his girlfriend at the event.

It would be easy to laugh at some of these people, but Spurlock's gaze is never mocking, cruel or gratuitously mean. Still, he maintains enough clinical detachment to satisfy viewers who will find the whole thing a little weird.

In the end, Spurlock offers a funny, compassionate and honest look at fandom that captures its goofy, outsize heart. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (TWP)

The Post-'Potter' Pitch

It may lack wizards and witches, but J.K. Rowling, right, and her publisher hope her first novel for adults, "The Casual Vacancy," will have the magic touch. Little, Brown & Co. says the "blackly comic" tale of rivalry and duplicity in a small English town will be released on Sept. 27. (AP)



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Kristen Connolly plays the role of the Good Girl in "The Cabin in the Woods," a meta send-up of horror movies.

Most Certain Fate

'Cabin in the Woods' is exactly what you think, but with a twist

Film Review

A fiendishly clever brand of meta-level genius propels "The Cabin in the Woods," a pulpy, deceptively insightful send-up of horror movies that elicits just as many knowing chuckles as horrified gasps.

Like its spiritual heirs, "The Cabin in the Woods" comes not only to praise the slasher-, zombie- and gore-fests of yore but to critique them, elaborating on their grammatical elements and archetypal

figures even while searching for ways to put them to novel use (and playing up one major twist).

The opening scenes are when viewers meet the principal players, who hew telegenically to horror-movie conventions: We have the Jock (Chris Hemsworth); the Stoner (Fran Kranz); the Nice Guy (Jesse Williams), the Good Girl (Kristen Connolly) and the Dumb

Blonde — in this case, a college student named Jules (Anna Hutchison) who's neither, but who just conveniently dyed her hair.

When they all pile into an RV and head for a rural lake, carnage is sure to ensue; when they encounter a spooky old coot at an abandoned gas station on their way, their tragic fates are all but sealed.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Cabin in the Woods (R)

- **Director:** Drew Goddard
- **Stars:** Kristen Connolly, Chris Hemsworth, Fran Kranz, Jesse Williams
- **In a Nutshell:** Five friends go for a break at a remote cabin in the woods, where they get much more than they bargained for.

Teen Aesthetics In a Rude World

Film Review

An air of unacknowledged privilege suffuses "Damsels in Distress," in which Greta Gerwig stars as Violet, a junior at an East Coast liberal arts college, where she and a band of cohorts wage a genteel war against all that is rude, crude, coarse or otherwise aesthetically suspect.

When a new girl arrives on campus, Violet and her friends pounce, scooping her up and bringing her along on their campaign to prevent

student suicide, stamp out the school newspaper and, in Violet's case, to start a national dance craze.

It's all very daffy and sweet-natured, as long as you can go along with director Whit Stillman in making a joke of suicide. Still, there's a fine line between a fantastical comedy of manners and a comedy that's merely mannered. "Damsels" too often falls into the latter category, as Stillman leads viewers on a madcap, unevenly convincing trip through a looking glass beyond



Greta Gerwig, left, and Adam Brody, right, dance in "Damsels in Distress."

which young people don't text, peck at laptops or know what earbuds are, but who break into a tap dance number or deliver learned disquisitions on Catharism. A.H.

'Die Hard' in Space

'Lockout' runs wild with staid action and sci-fi genre tropes

Film Review

"Lockout" is meat-and-potatoes filmmaking at its most basic. It's filling, all right, satisfying a basic hunger for red meat and carbs, but with nary a sprig of garnish (let alone a side salad).

Enjoy it, in moderation. It's your recommended weekly allowance of schlock.

Set on a futuristic floating penitentiary in space, the sci-fi action adventure stars Guy Pearce as Snow, a tough guy who has been framed — naturally — but who is offered his freedom if he agrees to rescue the president's do-gooder daughter (Maggie Grace) after she is taken hostage by convicts.

Of course, Snow says yes.

Actually, it's more like some smart-alecky rejoinder than a simple "yes." Snow is a poor man's John McClane, the Bruce Willis char-



Guy Pearce, left, rescues Maggie Grace, right, from space jail in "Lockout." Seriously.

Lockout (PG-13)

- **Directors:** James Mather, Stephen St. Leger
- **Stars:** Guy Pearce
- **In a Nutshell:** A framed man is offered his freedom — for a price.

acter in the "Die Hard" movies. He spends virtually all of "Lockout" either kicking tail or cracking wise, even when he's getting

punched in the head. The dialogue between Snow and Grace's Emilee, after she's rescued but before they can escape from the orbiting prison, is boilerplate movie banter: half sexual flirtation and half nyuk-nyuk jokes.

Although based on an "original" idea by filmmaker Luc Besson, the movie is anything but. You've seen it a dozen times before, and it makes no more sense this time. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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21 JUMP STREET (R, 100 minutes) The lack of originality or creative ingenuity that "21 Jump Street" symbolizes is addressed head-on early in the film, when a surly police captain tells two new recruits that the force has resurrected a defunct program from 30 years ago that sent undercover cops into high schools. The neophytes he's screaming at are Schmidt (Jonah Hill) and Jenko (Channing Tatum), a bumbling nerd and good-looking dullard, respectively, who were arch-opposites in their high school but have become best buds since going through the police academy. Despite the edginess and vulgarity, the production is suffused by an unmistakable sweetness. "21 Jump Street" might be yet another product of Hollywood's recycling program, but it deserves to be noticed. A.H. **AMERICAN REUNION** (R, 113 minutes) Like Stifler, "American Reunion" refuses to grow up. The obsession with sex has not changed. The subject of coupling, uncoupling and re-coupling with exes is almost the sole subject of conversation at this reunion. There's precious little comedy mined from the fact that people change. It pushes R-rated movie



"Mirror mirror, on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?" Julia Roberts asks in "Mirror Mirror." Hint: It's not her.

boundaries: If you've ever wondered what a nude Jason Biggs looks like smooshed up against glass, your prayers will be answered. At times it goes beyond tweaking taboos to the downright inappropriate. A subplot about a neighborhood girl (Ali Cobrin) — she's turning 18 and has the hots for Jim, her former babysitter — borders on the pedophilic. M.O. **CASA DE MI PADRE** (R, 84 minutes) What's the big idea with "Casa de Mi Padre?" Is the joke that Will Ferrell — playing a Mexican version of his signature, slightly dense Everyman — speaks nothing but Spanish throughout the film?

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(Pretty well.) Or is it that the movie is a parody of how cheesy a cheaply made, south-of-the-border Western can get? (Pretty cheesy.) It's got to be one or the other, because those are the two hardest-working gags in the film, a deliberately inept spoof of accidentally inept filmmaking. It's perfect for a short clip on Funnyordie.com. Padded out to feature length, with a bunch of other slight and unmemorable laughs, it wears thin. **M.O. DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX** (PG, 86 minutes) Like "An Inconvenient Truth" for the 12-and-under crowd, "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" is a cautionary environmental tale with a thin veneer of entertainment on top. Based on Seuss' 1971 picture book, this musical adaptation, in eye-popping 3-D CGI, is undeniably less gloomy than the original. In the hands of co-directors Chris Reynaud and Kyle Balda and co-writers Ken Daurio and Cinco Paul, Seuss' slender though eloquent fable has morphed into something unwieldy and manic. It's simultaneously silly and preachy, with precious little room for fun. "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" is a movie that progressives can feel good about taking their kids to, without actually having a good time. **M.O. THE HUNGER GAMES** (PG-13, 142 minutes) This adaptation of the hit young adult novel centers on grievous violence and children, who, in author Suzanne Col-

lins' floridly post-apocalyptic future, are subjected to an annual ritual wherein they murder one another as part of a nationwide reality show. That perverse dystopia is brought faithfully, if unspectacularly, to life by director Gary Ross. If the series' legions of fans miss a detail here or a subplot there, they'll still recognize its bones and sinew, especially in Jennifer Lawrence's eagle-eyed heroine, Katniss Everdeen. The *Hunger Games* have been instituted by the elite leaders of a country in order to keep down a restive populace. After randomly plucking a boy and a girl from each of the federation's districts, a shadowy government-entertainment complex subjects them to a kill-or-be-killed group hunt. Lawrence is never less than grounded and believable as a young woman forced by circumstance to assume wisdom far beyond her years. A deer stalker dressed in pyrotechnic couture, Katniss symbolizes a new brand of female power: one that entails not just strength, courage and spiky, if selective, compassion, but also a top-notch stylist. **A.H. THE HUNTER** (R, 101 minutes) An ecological thriller about a professional animal killer and loner who discovers a newfound sense of stewardship for the planet, "The Hunter" is a mystery with a message. Martin (Willem Dafoe) is an elite hunter who has been hired by a mysterious firm to bag the last remaining example of a Tasmanian tiger. Martin's efforts to track the animal are hampered by radical environmentalists, or "greenies." The more interesting part involves Martin's

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Josh Hutcherson (right, with Jennifer Lawrence) is probably as sick of all those Peeta bread jokes everyone keeps tweeting about as you are, "Hunger Games" fans.

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relationship with Lucy (Frances O'Connor) — a greenie in whose remote Tasmanian house he has set up camp — and her two children (Morgana Davies and Finn Woodlock). Australian television director Daniel Nettheim tells both stories well, braiding them together into a single thread with a firm hand and evocative visual style. **M.O. JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME** (R, 83 minutes) Jeff (Jason Segel), who at 30 is still living with his mother and doing little more than bong hits for a living, receives a phone call from his mom (Susan Sarandon) asking him to go to Home Depot to get some wood glue. That simple task sends Jeff on an errand that will result in all sorts of detours and digressions. A bus ride ends up in a basketball game; a chance meeting with his brother, Pat (Ed Helms), ends up in a graveyard and a Hampton Inn — in Jeff's spaced-out mind, it's all leading somehow to the meaning and purpose that has so far eluded him. Seen through one lens, the film can be interpreted as an aimless, easygoing wish-fulfillment fantasy for underachievers everywhere; seen through another, it's a numb, naturalistic group portrait of unresolved grief. **A.H. JOHN CARTER** (PG-13, 137 minutes) Based on Edgar Rice Burroughs' stories, this adaptation gets off to such an incoherent start that it takes almost the entire, interminable running time to catch up. And the trip isn't worth it: Narratively stilted, visually ugly and imaginatively bankrupt, "John Carter" just sits there forcing the audience to



The guys of "American Reunion" — from left: Jason Biggs, Thomas Ian Nicholas, Chris Klein and Eddie Kaye Thomas — look much more grown up than they actually are.

sit right along with it. But, OK, if it's a synopsis you want: "John Carter" is nominally about a Civil War veteran who happens upon a dingus that transports him to Mars, where he can jump really high and is taken prisoner and meets a beautiful princess. What's supposed to be a fanciful journey in time and space is unforgivably awful-looking. **A.H. MIRROR MIRROR** (PG, 106 minutes) Director Tarsem Singh has shown a gift for fantastical settings, and Snow White's kingdom is no exception. Unfortunately, actress Lily Collins as Snow White offers a pale reflection of her stunning setting.

The plot is simple enough for younger Disney princess fans to follow. The fair Snow White is sequestered in her late father's castle by her pathologically vain stepmother, the Evil Queen (Julia Roberts). After sneaking out of the fortress for a visit to the village, Snow has a typical meet-up with Prince Alcott of Valencia in the woods. He has been bound and burgled, and she, having no idea he is a prince, unties him and then blushes furiously. Later, when the prince arrives at the castle looking for sanctuary, the queen goes into cougar mode.

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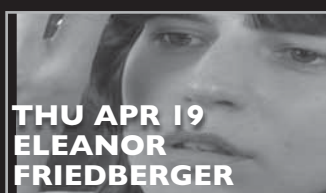
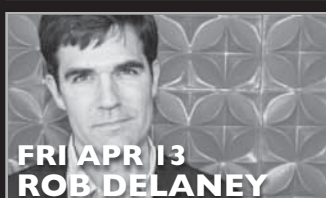
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Ewan McGregor, left, and Emily Blunt, right, star in "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen," which is more a fish-in-strange-waters tale than a classic fish-out-of-water story.

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But naturally, the prince has eyes only for Snow. Disney's kind and gentle Snow White was charming, could sing and regularly talked to woodland creatures. The same cannot be said of Collins. Most of Snow's interactions with the magnetic prince are tepid, except for one flirty sword fight. SANDIE ANGULO CHEN **PROJECT X** (R, 88 minutes) There are only two good jokes in "Project X," a thin, painfully overlong comedy about an out-of-control party thrown by a trio of high-school losers. One is the "story by" credit given to Michael Bacall. This is funny because there is, almost literally, no story. As for that second joke, it comes halfway into the movie when an adult neighbor attempts to shut down the party and ends up getting Tasered by a 12-year-old who has been hired as a bouncer. That's not the funny part — or, for anyone older than 21, the only truly satisfying moment in the film. That comes when the man gets up and clocks the snot-nosed brat in the face. M.O. **THE RAID: REDEMPTION** (R, 100 MINUTES) What do you get when you send a heavily armed SWAT team into the fortresslike compound of a sadistic drug lord? In this Indonesian action-adventure

film, it's not what you would expect. After the initial, de rigueur barrage of back-and-forth gunplay that opens the confrontation between the cops and the thugs, you end up with a bunch of adrenaline-infused, bone-crunching hand-to-hand combat. It's not for everybody. But it is undeniably cinematic and even kind of thrilling — assuming you can stomach the wall of nauseating sound effects generated by repeated blows of feet and fists on flesh. You don't watch "The Raid" so much as ingest it. It's a visceral, almost chemical high. For fans of martial-arts action, it's a sizzling and stylishly served-up order of butt-kicking. M.O. **SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN** (PG-13, 107 minutes) A British fisheries expert named Alfred Jones finds himself dragooned into the scheme of a wealthy sheik to introduce fly-fishing in Yemen. Along the way, he befriends the sheik's quietly sophisticated London representative. On paper, in other words, it is ridiculously plotty and forced. But as conceived for the screen by writer Simon Beaufoy and director Lasse Hallstrom, this adaptation of Paul Torday's novel turns out to be a surprisingly lush, endearing little film, in which a swelling sense of romanticism thoroughly banishes even the most far-fetched improbabilities. It is less a classic fish-out-of-water tale than a fish-in-strange-waters tale, a study in diametric opposites that finds unexpected synchronies and mo

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ments of almost mystical harmony. A.H. **SILENT HOUSE** (R, 88 minutes) Likely to disappoint fans of old-school bogeymen as well as aficionados of jokily self-referential meta-horror, "Silent House" might just find an audience that is able to appreciate it for what it is: a scary, yet deep, art-house frightfest. The question is this: Do the words "deep" and "frightfest" even belong in the same sentence? The other question is this: Do you find a hyperventilating, helpless young woman trapped in a dark, secluded house with a crazed, possibly homicidal stalker terrifying or merely annoying? But the similarities with such films as "Halloween" end there. That's because the young woman (Elizabeth Olsen), her stalker and even the "house" of the title are not what you think they are for most of the film. The twist ending will either satisfy you deeply — there's that word again — or tick you off royally. It will make you jump, to be sure. But what's truly scariest about the movie takes place not in the body, but in the mind. M.O. **TITANIC 3D** (PG-13, 194 minutes) To contemplate "Titanic 3D" is to engage in a double dose of wistfulness. Not only does it take filmgoers back to a time that seemed to disappear along with the 1,500 people who perished in the disaster, but also to a time when Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet were barely in their 20s. Watching the new version also reveals just how unnecessary such technological gimmicks are when you have a perfectly good original. James Cameron has spared no expense or expertise in making sure that his film loses none of the brightness or detail, but that extra depth brings no added value. If anything, 3-D conversion

creates distance where there should be intimacy, not to mention odd moments in framing. There's no doubt that "Titanic" is worth rereleasing, for a new generation to discover and for the rest of us to relive the thrills. The backhanded compliment that the gratuitous 3-D conversion delivers is that "Titanic" has had the right dimensions all along. A.H. **WRATH OF THE TITANS** (PG-13, 99

minutes) The only reason you'll feel any wrath is because you shelled out 12 bucks for this steaming bucket of half-baked plot, clichéd dialogue and disappointing 3-D special effects. It might be even worse than the original. Who, exactly, was clamoring for a follow-up? As before, Sam Worthington plays Greek hero Perseus, the demigod son of Zeus (Liam Neeson). Zeus is imprisoned by his brother Hades

(Ralph Fiennes) in an effort to overthrow the Olympian gods and resurrect Kronos, the dormant leader of the evil Titans. To save Zeus, Perseus goes on a quest to the underworld. At stake is not just his father's life — yeah, I thought gods were immortal, too — but the future of the world. As a CGI villain, Kronos looks as though he's made of molten lava and sounds like Barry White speaking Klin-

gon. Scary it is not. Perplexing, maybe. In an effort to appeal to audiences who might resist anything that smacks of the classics, the dialogue includes anachronisms such as "You gotta be kiddin' me." They got that right. M.O.

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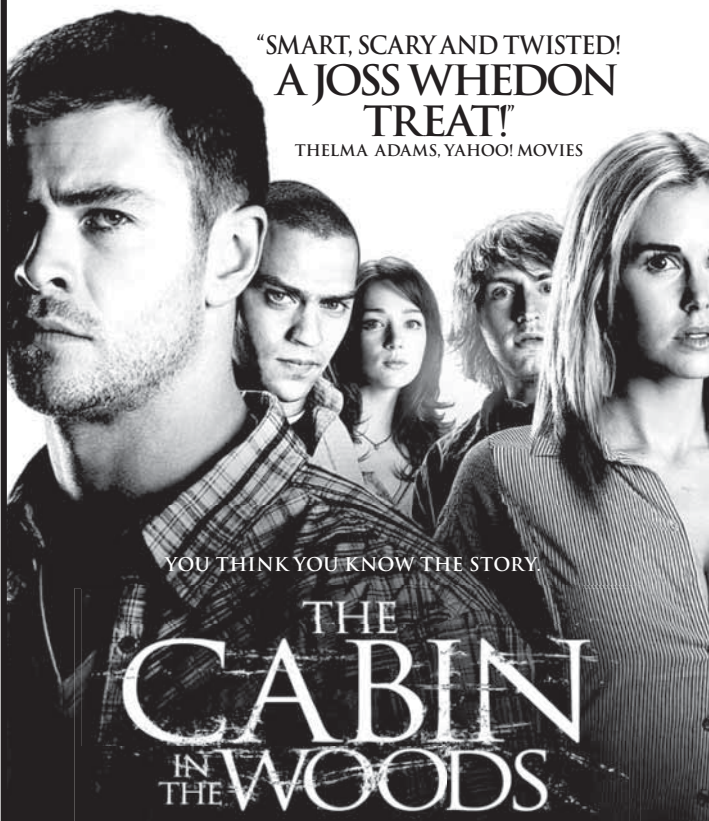
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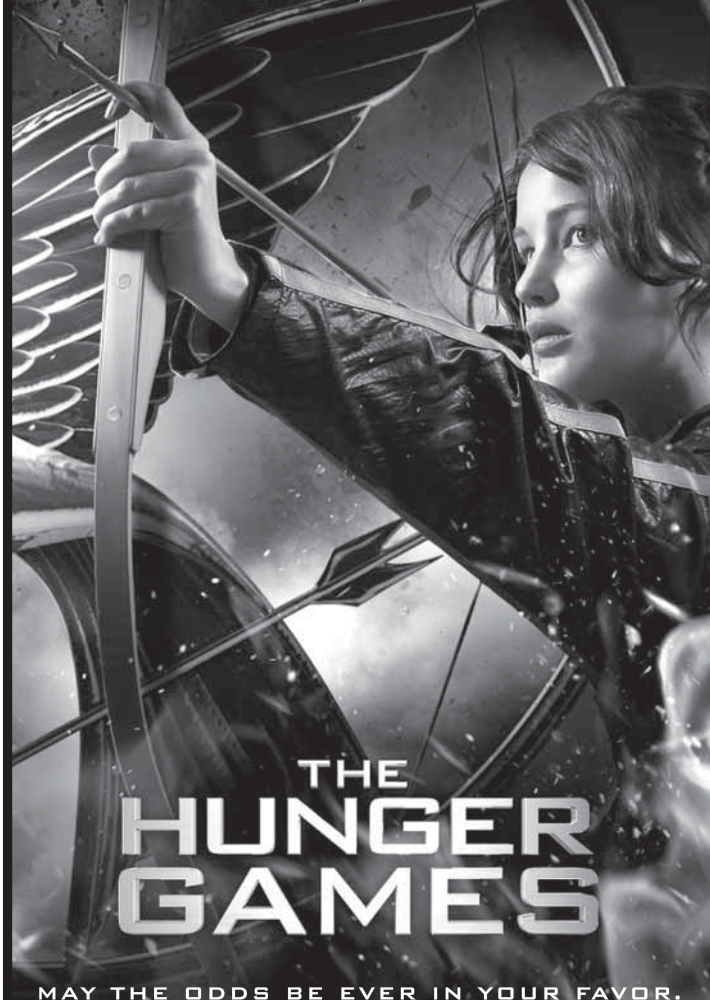
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Saturday marks the cen- tennial of the Titanic's sinking, prompting a ceremony at the Titanic memorial with historic footage, 1517 lights to represent the num- ber of souls lost in the disaster and a rendition of "Nearer My God to Thee" — which was probably NOT the last song played on the sinking ship. ***Titanic Memorial, 4th and P St. SW; Sat., 7 p.m., free; Swdcheritage.org/titanic100. (Waterfront)***

3 Putts and Pints
There are 11 bars in the Cap-City Bar Golf Crawl but only eight have been outfitted with temporary mini golf courses. Such downtown haunts as Buffalo Billiards and Public Bar will have putting specials, cheap beers and discounted food. Register as a team to save money, and wear your jerkiest polo shirts. ***Register at Mackey's, 1823 L St. NW; Sat., 2 p.m., \$12 with golf attire, \$15 without golf attire, \$27 per four-some; 301-652-7712, Lindypromo.com. (Dupont Circle)***



Local movie times

DISTRICT
AMC Loews Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com

The Cabin in the Woods (R) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:45-2:30-5:15-8:00-10:45
21 Jump Street (R) Digital Presentation: 9:45-12:50-3:45-6:30-9:20-12:10
Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 9:35-3:05-8:35
The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:20-1:40-5:00-8:25-12:00
Bully (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: (I) 10:45-1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45
American Reunion (R) Digital Presentation: (I) 10:10-1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 10:30-2:55-7:10-11:20
Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:20-5:45-11:15
The Raid: Redemption (Serbian maut) (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 10:30-1:10-4:00-6:45-9:30
Titanic: An IMAX 3D Experience (NR) IMAX 3D: 12:15-4:30-8:50
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 12:10-3:30-6:50-10:05
Lockout (PG-13) (I) 11:15-2:00-4:45-7:30-10:15
Mirror Mirror (PG) 11:05-1:50-4:35-7:15-9:55
American Reunion (R) (I) 12:25-3:20-6:10-9:00-11:55
The Three Stooges (PG) (I) 10:00-12:30-3:15-6:00-8:45-11:30

AMC Loews Uptown 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com

The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:00-3:30-7:10-10:45
AMC Mazza Gallerie
5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW www.AMCTheatres.com
The Hunger Games (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video: 9:50-1:00-4:10-7:20-10:30
Lockout (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:20-12:40-3:00-5:20-7:40-10:00
Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 11:30-3:30-7:30
Mirror Mirror (PG) 11:15-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:40
American Reunion (R) 12:00-2:30-5:10-8:00-10:40
21 Jump Street (R) Digital Presentation: 11:50-2:20-5:00-7:50-10:25
The Three Stooges (PG) 10:00-12:20-2:40-4:50-7:10-9:30

Avalon
5612 Connecticut Avenue www.theavalon.org
Jiro Dreams of Sushi (PG) Held Over. Limited Shows during FFDCl: 12:00-2:30
The Deep Blue Sea (R) Limited shows during FFDCl: 12:30-2:45

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street NW www.landmarktheatres.com

The Hustler (1961) (NR) 11:30
Jiro Dreams of Sushi (PG) 1:30-3:40-5:50-8:00-10:10
The Kid With a Bike (Le Gamin au Velo) (PG-13) 1:00-3:15-5:30-7:45-9:55
Damsels in Distress (PG-13) 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40-12:00
The Raid: Redemption (Serbian maut) (R) 2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 1:35-4:15-7:00-9:35
The Skinny (NR) 1:00-3:00-5:15-7:30-9:45-12:00
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) 12:00AM

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
707 Seventh Street NW www.regalcinemas.com

Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 11:40-2:00-7:05-9:45-12:15
Project X (R) Digital Projection: 12:50-3:20-11:40
Lockout (PG-13) OC-Open Caption: 12:30
Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 12:00-1:00-4:20-5:30-8:30-9:40
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 11:50-12:45-3:00-4:00-6:10-7:00-9:20-10:20-12:25
Mirror Mirror (PG) 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:25-11:55
American Reunion (R) 11:55-1:10-2:35-3:50-5:20-6:30-8:00-9:10-10:40-12:05
Lockout (PG-13) 2:50-5:10-7:30-10:00-12:20
Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) 4:30
21 Jump Street (R) 11:45-2:25-5:15-7:50-10:30
Blue Like Jazz (PG-13) 11:55-2:20-5:05-7:40-10:10-12:30
The Cabin in the Woods (R) 12:20-2:40-5:00-7:20-9:50-12:10
The Three Stooges (PG) 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:10-9:30-12:00

West End Cinema
2301 M Street NW http://westendcinema.com/

Chico & Rita (NR) English Subtitles: 3:40
Casa de mi Padre (R) English Subtitles: Will Farrell en Espanol: 3:20-7:50-9:50
Coriolanus (R) 5:20

Comic-Con: Episode IV - A Fan's Hope (PG-13) 3:00-5:00-7:00-7:30-9:20
Boy (NR) 5:40-9:40

MARYLAND
AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road www.afi.com/silver

Damsels in Distress (PG-13) NO PASSES: (I) 12:55-3:00-5:05-7:10-9:15
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 2:30-7:05
Pina (PG) 4:50
The Artist (PG-13) 12:25
Casa de mi Padre (R) 9:30
My Neighbor Totoro (Tonari no Totoro) (G) 2:30
Hugo (PG) 4:30
The Departed (R) 8:45
The Extraordinary Voyage w/ A Trip to the Moon (NR) 7:00
Monty Python and the Holy Grail w/ Terry Gilliam's Lost Animations (NR) 12:00AM

AMC Loews Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

The Cabin in the Woods (R) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:30-2:15-5:00-7:30-10:10
The Three Stooges (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 10:20-12:45-3:00-5:30-7:45-10:00
Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 1:30-6:40
The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:00-1:00-4:10-7:15-10:20
Lockout (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:00-1:15-3:30-6:00-8:15-10:30
American Reunion (R) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:45-2:30-5:15-8:00-10:45
Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 9:45-1:40-5:35-9:30
Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:40-4:00-9:15
Woman Thou Art Loosed: On the 7th Day (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: Digital Presentation: (I) 11:15-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:45

AMC Loews White Flint 5
11301 Rockville Pike www.AMCTheatres.com

The Three Stooges (PG) Digital Presentation: 12:30-2:50-5:10-8:10-10:30
Mirror Mirror (PG) Digital Presentation: 1:20-4:05-7:00-10:15
Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 3:05-7:15
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 1:00-4:25-7:35-10:45
American Reunion (R) 1:35-4:40-7:50-10:55

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way www.AMCTheatres.com

A Thousand Words (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 3:20-6:00-8:50
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Digital Presentation: 12:50-6:10
Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 1:10-7:10
The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:55-3:15-6:50-10:20
Lockout (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:50-1:20-3:50-6:40-9:30
Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 11:00AM
Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:20-4:10-10:10
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Titanic: An IMAX 3D Experience (NR) IMAX 3D: (I) 11:30-3:50-8:30
Mirror Mirror (PG) 10:10-1:00-3:40-6:20-9:00
American Reunion (R) (I) 10:45-1:50-4:15-7:30-10:45
The Cabin in the Woods (R) 11:20-2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00
The Three Stooges (PG) 10:40-1:25-4:20-7:05-9:50
21 Jump Street (R) 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:40-10:40

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com

Bully (PG-13) 1:00-2:00-5:30-7:30-8:30-9:45
Footnote (Hearat Shulayim) (PG) 2:05-4:45-7:10-9:45
A Separation (Jodaeiye Nader az Simin) (PG-13) 2:30-5:35-8:35
The Hunter (R) 2:10-4:40-7:15-9:50
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 1:55-4:25-7:00-9:30
Delicacy (La delicatessen) (NR) 1:50-4:35-7:05-9:40

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com

Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 2:30-7:50-10:20
Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 4:00-8:00
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 1:00-4:10-7:10-10:10
Lockout (PG-13) 2:40-5:00-7:30-9:45

Mirror Mirror (PG) 1:10-3:40-6:40-9:20
American Reunion (R) 2:45-5:20-7:55-10:20
Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) 5:10
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Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) 2:10-4:20-6:50-9:00
The Three Stooges (PG) 2:20-4:40-7:00-9:15
21 Jump Street (R) 1:30-4:30-7:20-9:50

Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14
6505 America Blvd.

Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 4:20-10:10
American Reunion (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 1:15-4:00-7:20-10:15
Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 1:00-2:00-5:15-7:00-9:25
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Mirror Mirror (PG) 1:20-4:05-7:05-9:45
Lockout (PG-13) 2:15-4:50-7:30-10:00
American Reunion (R) 1:55-4:45-7:55-10:45
Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) 1:25-4:30-7:35-10:20
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) 1:40-4:10-7:15-9:55
Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) 1:30-7:40
The Cabin in the Woods (R) 1:50-4:25-7:50-10:30
21 Jump Street (R) 1:35-4:40-7:45-10:25
The Three Stooges (PG) 1:10-3:55-7:10-9:40

Regal Majestic 20 & IMAX
900 Elsworth Drive

Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 4:05-9:10
Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 1:30-4:00-5:35-8:00-9:00-9:50
American Reunion (R) OC-Open Caption: 12:55
Wrath of the Titans: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) IMAX 3D: (I) 12:35-11:00
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 1:00-1:50-3:20-4:15-5:10-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:55-10:45-11:55
Mirror Mirror (PG) 1:45-4:25-7:10-9:40
Titanic: An IMAX 3D Experience (NR) IMAX 3D: (I) 2:55-7:00
American Reunion (R) 2:00-3:10-3:55-4:40-5:55-6:35-7:35-8:45-9:20-10:20-11:25-12:00
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A Thousand Words (PG-13) 12:50
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The Raid: Redemption (Serbian maut) (R) 12:30-2:50-5:20-7:45-10:15-12:40
The Cabin in the Woods (R) 1:20-2:40-3:50-5:00-6:15-7:20-8:35-9:45-10:50-12:05-12:45
The Three Stooges (PG) 1:15-2:20-3:40-4:45-6:00-7:05-8:20-9:25-10:55-11:50

VIRGINIA
AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd. www.AMCTheatres.com

The Cabin in the Woods (R) Digital Presentation: (I) 12:40-3:00-5:20-7:40-10:00
John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 12:30-6:40
Hugo 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:20
John Carter (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 3:40-9:40
Lockout (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 1:00-3:15-5:30-7:55-10:15
The Iron Lady (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 4:10-6:50-9:30
Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 1:20-3:30-5:40-7:50-10:05
The Secret World of Arrietty (Kari-gurashi no Arrietty) (G) 1:40
Mirror Mirror (PG) 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
The Three Stooges (PG) (I) 12:50-3:10-5:25-7:45-10:10

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

The Cabin in the Woods (R) Digital Presentation: 11:00-12:20-1:45-2:50-4:25-5:25-7:00-8:00-9:35-10:35-12:10
The Three Stooges (PG) Digital Presentation: 10:40-11:45-1:15-2:25-3:55-4:55-6:30-7:30-9:00-10:05-11:30-12:30
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Digital Presentation: 11:50-4:50-9:55-12:20
21 Jump Street (R) Digital Presentation: 11:40-2:35-5:35-8:25-11:15
Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 1:25-6:50-12:05

(I) No Pass/No Discount Ticket

The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:00-11:35-1:35-3:00-4:00-5:00-6:20-7:20-8:20-9:40-10:40-11:40
Lockout (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 12:00-2:30-5:05-7:40-10:15
Mirror Mirror (PG) Digital Presentation: 10:15-1:05-3:50-6:45-9:30-12:15
American Reunion (R) Digital Presentation: 10:45-12:30-1:30-3:20-4:20-6:15-7:15-9:10-10:10-12:00
Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 10:25-11:25-1:55-2:45-3:45-6:05-7:05-8:05-10:20-11:10
Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:10-1:10
Wrath of the Titans (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:50-4:05-9:25
The Raid: Redemption (Serbian maut) (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: Digital Presentation: 12:05-2:55-5:30-8:10-10:50
Wrath of the Titans: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) IMAX 3D: 11:20-2:15-5:10-7:50-10:25
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 2:20-7:25
Woman Thou Art Loosed: On the 7th Day (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: Digital Presentation: (I) 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50-12:25
Blue Like Jazz (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: Digital Presentation: 11:05-1:45-4:45-7:45-10:30
Nameless Gangster (Bumchoiwaun junjaeng) (NR) Digital Presentation: 12:10-3:25-6:40-9:45

Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse
2903 Columbia Pike http://www.arlingtondrafthouse.com/

Regal Ballston Common 12
671 N. Glebe Road www.regalcinemas.com

Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 2:25-4:55-7:35-10:15
The Hunger Games (PG-13) OC-Open Caption: 12:50
Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 1:00-3:00-5:20-7:00-9:30
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 1:30-2:45-4:05-4:45-6:00-7:10-8:00-9:20-10:20
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Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) 12:45-3:10-5:25-7:40-10:00
21 Jump Street (R) 2:15-5:10-7:45-10:30

Regal Kingstowne 16
5910 Kingstowne Towne Center

Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 1:25-6:30
Lockout (PG-13) OC-Open Caption: 12:20
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The Cabin in the Woods (R) 12:35-2:50-5:10-7:45-10:10
The Three Stooges (PG) 12:15-1:15-2:30-3:40-4:45-5:45-7:00-8:00-9:15-10:25

Regal Potomac Yard 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Highway www.regalcinemas.com

Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 2:10-7:25
Titanic 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 1:00-4:00-5:00-8:00-9:00
American Reunion (R) OC-Open Caption: 12:50
The Hunger Games (PG-13) 1:10-3:20-4:20-6:30-7:30-9:40-10:40-11:30
Safe House (R) 7:00
Mirror Mirror (PG) 12:55-3:35-6:15-8:55
American Reunion (R) 1:40-3:30-4:25-6:20-7:10-9:20-10:00
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Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) 2:00-4:30
21 Jump Street (R) 2:35-5:15-7:55-10:35

TV weekend **lookout**

'Girls' Behaving Badly

HBO's new comedy offers a biting look at post-collegial life

Premieres

SUN 10:30 HBO's ambitious half-hour comedy "Girls" sets out to define and lampoon an emerging generation.

Lena Dunham stars as Hannah, a self-professed writer who never writes. In the first scene, her parents inform her that, two years after college, they've decided to stop funding her Brooklyn lifestyle. The scene nicely satirizes the bizarre economics of the new bohemia, a fantasyland where would-be Hemingways live off their daddies and toil in a literary-industrial complex that doesn't bother to pay "creators" who don't even pretend to work.

The interpersonal relationships in "Girls" are equally grim. Hannah's pretty roommate, Marnie (Allison Williams), appears confident, but in a compulsive, bossy



From left, "Girls": Allison Williams, Jemima Kirke, Lena Dunham and Zosia Mamet.

fashion. She barely endures her wimpy boyfriend because he doesn't know how to act like a man, either in or out of bed. In contrast, Hannah couples sporadically with Adam (Adam Driver), an actor who uses sex to express hostility and contempt. The raunchy sex scenes are nearly all begrudgingly endured and fraught with self-loathing.

Hannah's other friends include Jessa (Jemima Kirke), an exotic

globe-trotter, and Shoshanna (Zosia Mamet), who sees the world through the prism of trashy pop culture.

At the end of the second episode, one adult figure quips, "You couldn't pay me enough to be 24 again." It takes a certain audacity to depict characters this self-absorbed and miserable — and a certain wisdom to know that it's not a terminal condition.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Best Bets

FRI 9:00



Say Yes to the Dress: Bridesmaids (TLC) Viewers go behind the scenes at Atlanta's Bridals by Lori, where they get to peek into the drama of finding a gown that meets the expectations of a diverse group of demanding, sometimes difficult bridesmaids.

FRI 9:00

Fairly Legal (USA) Kate mediates bankruptcy negotiations involving a client who can't pay his mortgage because of a tenant who's dealing drugs. Ben becomes involved in the case when he learns that the dealer's lawyer was his friend in high school before becoming a rival.

SAT 10:00

Last Chance Driving School (A&E) Some of the world's worst drivers get another chance to steer their fortunes in the right direction in this new half-hour docuseries.

SUN 10:00

NYC 22 (CBS) Upper Manhattan is the setting for this new crime drama focusing on six rookie cops. Terry Kinney, right, plays Daniel "Yoda" Dean, the officer in charge of their field training; Leelee Sobieski, Tom Reed and Adam Goldberg also star. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



Specials



An Epic Disaster

Airing to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the disaster, ABC's new four-part miniseries "Titanic" revisits the sinking of the Titanic from different people's viewpoints in each episode. Written by "Downton Abbey" scribe Julian Fellowes, the special stars Linus Roache, left, and Geraldine Somerville, right. Parts 1 through 3 air Saturday at 8 p.m.; the conclusion airs Sunday at 9 p.m. (TM)



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▲
“Sorry Oregon, you won’t be able to claim Homer, Bart and the rest of ‘The Simpsons’ clan as your own.”

— **MICHAEL SCHNEIDER AT TVGUIDE.COM** debunks a story in Smithsonian magazine claiming Matt Groening revealed that “The Simpsons” is set in Springfield, Ore. Groening explained that he got the name for the Simpsons’ hometown from Springfield, Ore., but the show is not meant to be set there.

▲
“It may make strategic sense for Romney to select a woman as his running mate, in a sort of politically ham-fisted attempt to prove to the American public that he’s got one female friend who isn’t his wife.”

— **ERIN GLORIA RYAN AT JEZEBEL.COM** thinks Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney may ask a woman to join him on the ticket if he wins the GOP nomination.

▲
“This has inspired me on a level I can’t fully articulate other than to say I’ve been trying to be like Caine ever since I graduated art school. It’s not easy to fearlessly create the way he does. He lives like no one has ever told him the things he wants to do are impossible.”

— **JEFF AT BOOOOOOOO.COM** is moved by the short film “Caine’s Arcade” by Nirvan Mullick, about a 9-year-old boy in Los Angeles who built a cardboard arcade in his dad’s used auto parts store. Caine had no customers until Mullick organized a flashmob and surprised the kid with hundreds of customers.

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“We don’t know if Justin only wrote a song with Taylor or if they’ll actually be singing on the same track, but the point is **JUSTIN BIEBER AND TAYLOR SWIFT MADE A SONG TOGETHER.**”

— **JENNA RUBENSTEIN AT BUZZWORTHY.MTV.COM** is geeked about the two artists collaborating after Bieber told a British radio station he was working with Swift.

▲
“I can only imagine how horribly wrong this is gonna be once people start abusing the technology (and you know it will happen soon enough). [2Pac] and [Notorious B.I.G.] performing together at Summer Jam 2015.”

— **SHAKE AT 2DOPEBOYZ.COM** pans Dr. Dre’s plan to use a holographic image of the late Nate Dogg onstage for a performance during his Coachella set this weekend.

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Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Inspiration may be lacking, but you can still do a good job and be proud of the fact that you did not give in to any kind of malaise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be picking up where someone else left off—but you can surely bring your own unique ideas to the process.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can avoid all kinds of negativity today—but what is more difficult is avoiding being negative yourself. Practice saying positive things!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can take on more today only if you first dispense with one or two responsibilities that another can take care of for you. Know your limits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may have a chance to show just how ready you are to do certain things that others are not willing to do yet. You'll lead the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Money matters cannot be ignored today—though things may not be quite as bad as you supposed. Pressure is easing slightly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your thoughts are likely to be taken up by a situation you accidentally came upon in your routine. Why is it such a concern?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) The difference in what is possible and what is impossible may be as simple as timing, or being accessible to a stroke of luck.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Trust is an issue today as you become engaged in something that requires you to work closely with someone you know only a little.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will be just daring and cheeky enough today to cross a line in the sand drawn by someone else. Make sure the challenge is all in fun!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) It's a good day to throw yourself into something without a lot of preparation or forethought. The stars will smile upon you!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your view of the future may be obscured somewhat today as your attention is drawn to a situation in which a loved one becomes immersed.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 140-150, BEST SCORE 232

E ₁	E ₁	O ₁	G ₂	L ₁	N ₁	Z ₁₀

Triple Word Score

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RACK 1

I ₁	O ₁	O ₁	C ₃	T ₁	R ₁	P ₃

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RACK 2

E ₁	O ₁	R ₁	D ₂	L ₁	R ₁	T ₁

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RACK 3

E ₁	E ₁	I ₁	N ₁	F ₄	R ₁	M ₃

4th Letter Double

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RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

T ₁	Y ₄	R ₁	A ₁	N ₁	T ₁		RACK 1 =	9
P ₃	E ₁	E ₁	V ₄	I ₁	S ₁	H ₄	RACK 2 =	80
B ₃	I ₁	G ₂	T ₁	I ₁	M ₃	E ₁	RACK 3 =	68
T ₁	E ₁	E ₁	N ₁	T ₁	S ₁	Y ₄	RACK 4 =	60
PAR SCORE 150-160								TOTAL
								217

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

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						1	5	
	7			1		9		
6	1			5	9			7
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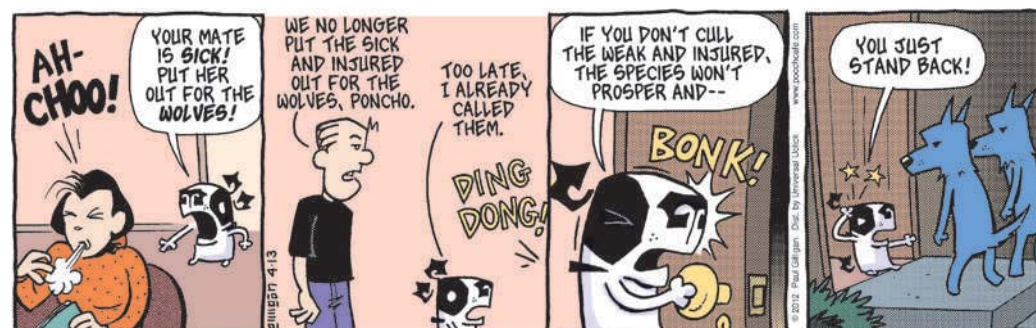
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8	6	5	3	9	2	1	7	4
2	4	1	6	7	8	9	5	3
7	3	9	5	4	1	2	8	6

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS



Forecast

67 | **48**

Today: Mostly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight.

72 | **56**

Tomorrow: Partly sunny and breezy tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN **MON** **TUE**
84 | **60** **87** | **60** **85** | **56**

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 6:34 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:44 p.m.
Moonrise today: 2:13 a.m.
Moonset today: 12:37 p.m.

Almanac

Normal high: 66
Record high: 90
Normal low: 46
Record low: 24

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THREE KISSES

1 City in Tuscany
6 Weapon in 1940s
headlines
11 Hangman line
14 Take apart,
nautically
15 Hindu "Mr." (Var.)
16 Humpback's kin
17 KISS
20 Winslet of
"Titanic"
21 Gray of face
22 ___ fro
23 The Manning
with the most
Super Bowl wins
24 Alternatives to
pumpernickels
25 Repeat from
memory
26 One of Bing
Crosby's labels
28 Arrival-board
word
29 "Ben-Hur"
author Wallace
30 "Low," to "high"
34 "Cash" add-on
35 KISS
37 Summa ___
laude

38 Raises
39 Bon __ (witty
remark)
40 Consumer
Reports lacks them
41 "10 ____ or less"
(checkout line sign)
45 Hardly well-
behaved
47 Edit menu
choice
50 Use a machete
51 Traffic tie-up
52 "Come here
often?" e.g.
53 Apology from an
Indian seamstress?
54 KISS
57 First lady
58 Disposable stuff
59 "Lather, ____,
repeat"
60 Acted as guide
61 Deity with goat's
feet
62 Pear and apple,
e.g.

- 1 Used a straw
- 2 Use ones lungs
- 3 Titillating

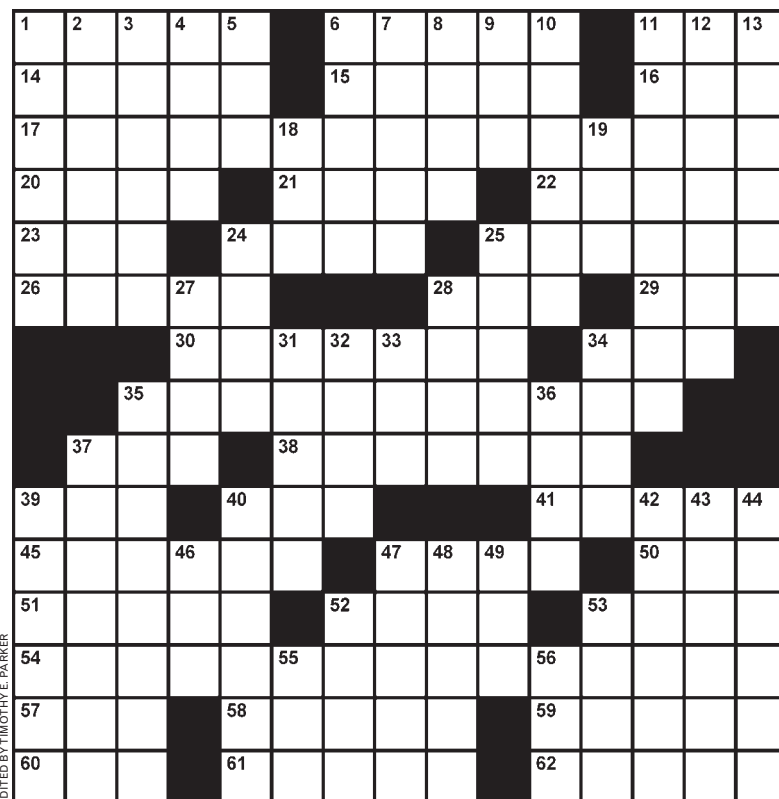
4 "Have a ___ day!"
5 Something to
give it?
6 Badmouth
7 Ancient Roman
gathering places
8 "... love, honor
and ___"
9 "Because I said
so" sayer
10 Baby slipper
11 Attacked
violently
12 Go back in
13 Basement
problem
18 ___ an egg (flop)
19 "1001 Nights"
bird
24 "Atlas
Shrugged" author
25 Afro-Cuban
dance
27 Cool as a
cucumber
28 "Coach" actor
Jerry Van ___
31 Adrian Monk's
wife on "Monk"
32 "Clumsy me!"
33 Big ATM maker
34 "Meet Me ___"

Louis"
35 Extremely
36 Bone-dry
37 Be in cahoots
39 Clam's cousin
40 Permits
42 "Seinfeld" lady
43 Exuding
gloom
44 Backbones
46 Banquet
dispenser
47 Grant's bill
48 Derive by
reasoning

49 Alumni
newsletter word
52 Worst place in
the standings
53 Affect
emotionally
55 "Airplane
Flying Handbook"
org.
56 Old
component of
some TVs

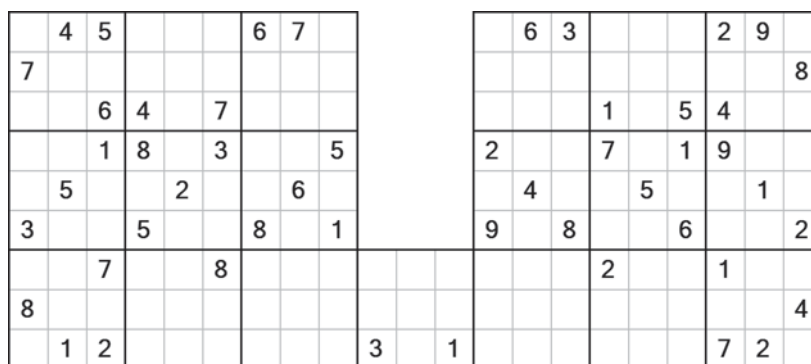
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Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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1860 The Pony Express completes its inaugural run from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento, Calif., in 10 days.

1970 Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, is crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen bursts. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

1992 The Great Chicago Flood takes place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago River.

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people **lookout****TACTICS****Marc Fails to Win Back J.Lo With Procrastination**

Marc Anthony has made his breakup from Jennifer Lopez official by filing for divorce months after the superstar couple announced their separation. He cited irreconcilable differences but did not put additional details of the split, including the date he and Lopez separated, in the filing. The former couple announced they were ending their marriage in June 2011 after seven years. (AP)

IN MEMORY**Amy Winehouse's Parents Announce U.S. Charity**

The parents of Amy Winehouse on Wednesday launched the U.S. branch of a foundation named for their daughter at New York City's Joe's Pub, where the late singer made her American debut. The organization will focus on children "without access to music education and music therapy," Mitch Winehouse said. (AP)



The Amy Winehouse Foundation will help educate U.S. kids about music.

**You've Got Mel!****In Summation ...**

Mel Gibson and Joe Eszterhas were working on a movie called "The Maccabees." Eszterhas' script was rejected. He wrote a letter accusing Gibson of not wanting to make the movie at all, saying the actor announced the project "in an attempt to deflect continuing charges of anti-Semitism." Gibson said in a statement that he just didn't like Eszterhas' script. (EXPRESS)



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"One second. I have to decide if I'm ambivalent about receiving this award."

LASTING EFFECTS**'Yup, Still Violated'**

Scarlett Johansson says the email hacking she experienced, in which nude photos of her were leaked online, has left her "paranoid." She tells the May issue of *Vogue* that she's uncomfortable thinking about how many people may have seen her naked. Still, she doesn't want pity and has coped by "tuning it all out": She stopped following celebrity gossip and reading stories about herself and is "way happier" and "more creative" now. (AP)

**HOLIDAYS****Someone's Getting Coal In His Dyngus Day Basket**

Anderson Cooper apologized Thursday to those who misinterpreted his statements during a Tuesday giggle fit on "Anderson Cooper 360" while trying to describe a Polish holiday. "Just learned some groups believe I called Dyngus Day 'so stupid' in RidicuList. I didn't. I was saying my giggling fit was 'so stupid.' Genuinely sorry if I offended anyone," he tweeted. (EXPRESS)

"I hear from Frannie's roommate that @davegrohl hit on frances. I'm not mad at her, him i am about to shoot dead."



— COURTNEY LOVE TWEETED, ACCORDING TO GAWKER.COM, THAT FORMER NIRVANA DRUMMER DAVE GROHL HIT ON LOVE'S DAUGHTER, FRANCES BEAN COBAIN.



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